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### **PURPOSE:**

1. To ensure proper identification of precaution basing on the latest clinical case of the patient(s).

2. To provide standardize practices to prevent cross contamination of infection

between patient.

3. To outlines practices that will reduce the transmission of organism through out health care facilities.

### SCOPE:

Applies to all Nursing Service Division Staff of Dr. Pablo O. Torre Memorial Hospital (DPOTMH), Medical Doctors, Clinical Instructors and students of Riverside College Inc.

## PERSON RESPONSIBLE:

Nurses, Nursing Attendants, Ward Clerks, Auxiliaries, Housekeeping Personnel, Medical Doctors

### GENERAL GUIDELINES:

- The DPOTMH has set practices in accordance with the Department of Health (DOH) guidelines and shall be properly executed by all personnel.
- Strict adherence to "standard" precautions is required to break the chain of infection transmission.
  - Hand washing and antisepsis (hand hygiene) and observance of Five Moments of Hand Hygiene
  - 2.2. Use of personal protective equipment (PPE) as indicated
  - 2.3. Appropriate handling of patient care equipment and soiled linen; Staff will clean all shared equipment between patient uses
  - 2.4. Prevention of needlestick/ sharp injuries;
  - 2.5. Environmental cleaning and spills management; and



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2.6. Appropriate handling of waste.

- 3. Additional (transmission-based) precautions are indicated by universal color coding:
  - 3.1. Droplet Precautions- Green
  - 3.2. Airborne Precautions- Blue
  - 3.3. Contact Precautions- Yellow
  - 3.4. Protective Precautions/ Reverse Isolation- Orange
- All signage should be laminated or fully contained within a wipeable cover or holder.
- Remove and replace signage if it is soiled, damaged or torn.
- The Infection Prevention and Control Unit (IPCU) Nurse has on call (24 hour)
  responsibility for referral to address concerns on isolation precautions and other
  related matters.

### PROCEDURE:

- The Nurse on duty checks the patient's chart regarding the type of precaution to be observed.
- 2. The Nurse on duty prepares the signage to be posted on the chart and at the patient's room.
- The Nurse on duty places the signage on the chart and at the door of the patient's room (avoid hanging the signage on the door knob).
- 4. The Nurse on duty informs the IPCU of the reportable/ communicable cases.
- All other personnel (Auxiliaries, Housekeeping Personnel, Medical Doctors) who will enter the patient's room observes proper precaution based on the case of the patient before entering.



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KEY TASKS	PERSON RESPONSIBL	
Checks the patient's chart regarding the type of precaution to be observed	Nurse	
2. Prepares the signage to be posted on the chart and at the patient's room	Nurse	
3. Places the signage on the chart and at the door of the patient's room	Nurse	
4. Informs the IPCU of the reportable/ communicable cases	Nurse	
5. Observes proper precaution based on the case of the patient before entering	Nurse, Auxiliaries, Housekeeping Personnel, Medical Doctors	



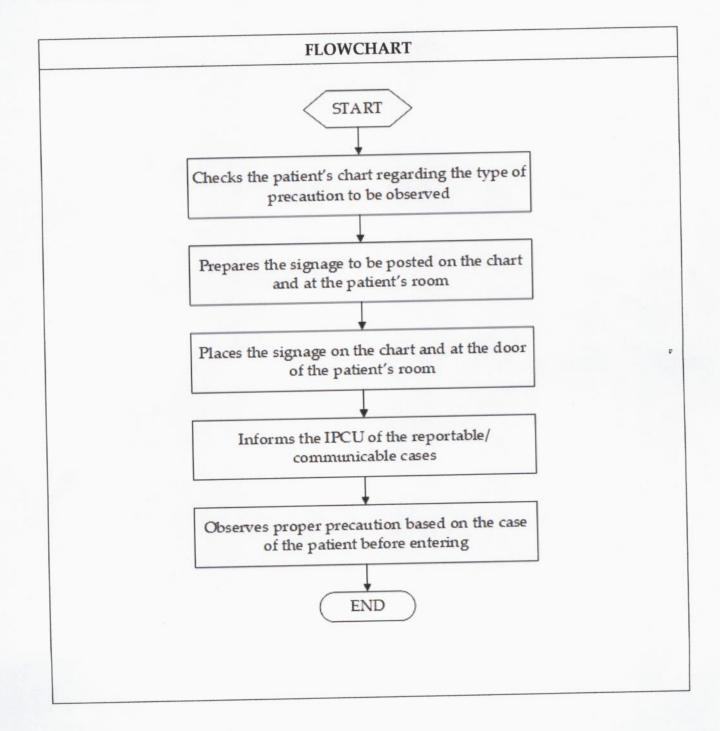
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