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PURPOSE

To provide early detection strategies to prevent or limit infection transmission in health-care setting during emerging and re-emerging disease (EREID) occurrences or outbreak with mode of spread identified as airborne/droplet.

LEVEL

Nursing Service Department, CSSD, MSD, IPCU, Total Quality Division, and ICC

DEFINITION OF TERM

Emerging and Re-emerging Infectious Disease - Infectious diseases whose incidence in humans has increased in the past 2 decades or threatens to increase in the near future have been defined as "emerging." These diseases, which respect no national boundaries, include

- New infections resulting from changes or evolution of existing organisms
- Known infections spreading to new geographic areas or populations
- Previously unrecognized infections appearing in areas undergoing ecologic transformation
- Old infections reemerging as a result of antimicrobial resistance in known agents or breakdowns in public health measures.¹

Person Under Investigation (PUI)² - A person who has both consistent signs or symptoms and risk factors as follows should be considered a PUI:

1. Fever and symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough, difficulty breathing)
2. In the last number of days before symptom onset, a history of travel from city or Country where the disease originated.

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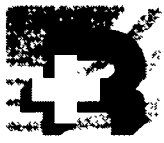
3. In the last number of days before symptom onset, close contact with a person who is under investigation for the infectious disease while that person was ill.
4. Other criteria as stated by the DOH, CDC, and WHO.

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POLICY


1. DPOTMH shall adapt a clinical triage including early recognition and immediate placement of patients in separate area from other patients.
2. DPOTMH MANCOM shall be notified by the IPCU of any unusual occurrence of emerging and re-emerging disease.
3. Health care workers shall adhere to the application of standard precaution for all patients and immediate implementation of infection prevention and control measures.
4. DPOTMH shall implement empiric additional precaution for suspected EREID-cases.
5. DPOTMH shall abide with the directives from the Department of Health (DOH) circulars, advisories, and other related statutory requirements and laws applicable.

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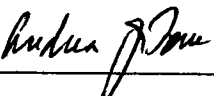

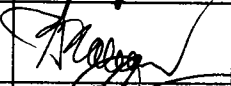

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PROCEDURE


1. All patients for admission or consult who arrive at the facility shall be directed to approach the EREID pre - assessment Triage Table (located outside ER entrance).
2. EREID designated Triage nurse shall perform an initial assessment of the patient's signs and symptoms based on the EREID - DOH criteria. This checklist shall be sufficient to determine whether a patient is or is not classified as a Person Under Investigation Utilization (PUI).
3. EREID designated Triage nurse shall provide PUI to wear face mask.
4. PUI shall be assisted to transfer to the temporary isolation tent.
5. EREID designated Triage nurse shall facilitate transfer of PUI to a designated EREID facility.
6. IPCU staff shall provide, transport and endorse confirmed PUI patient to designated EREID hospital.

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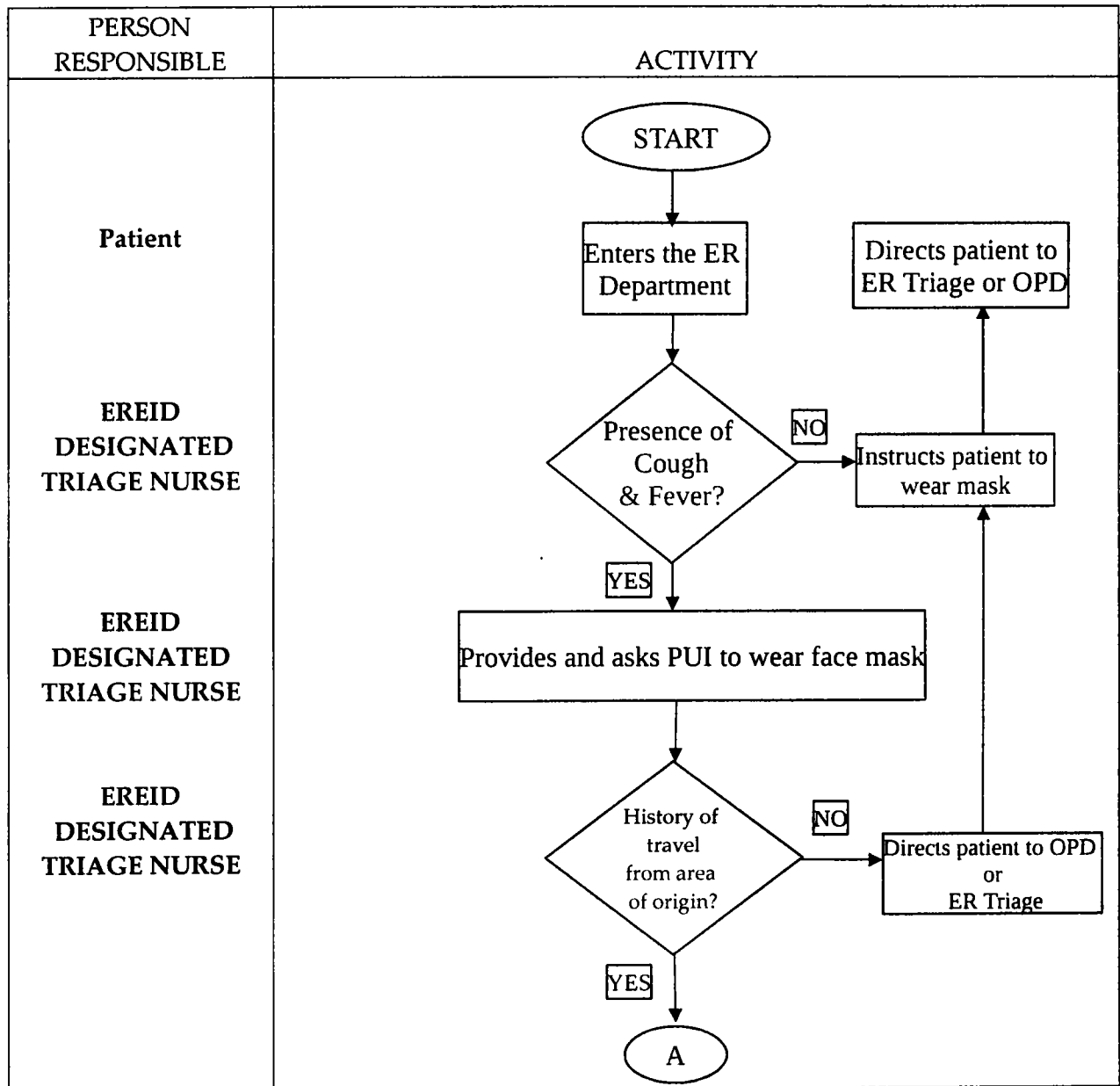
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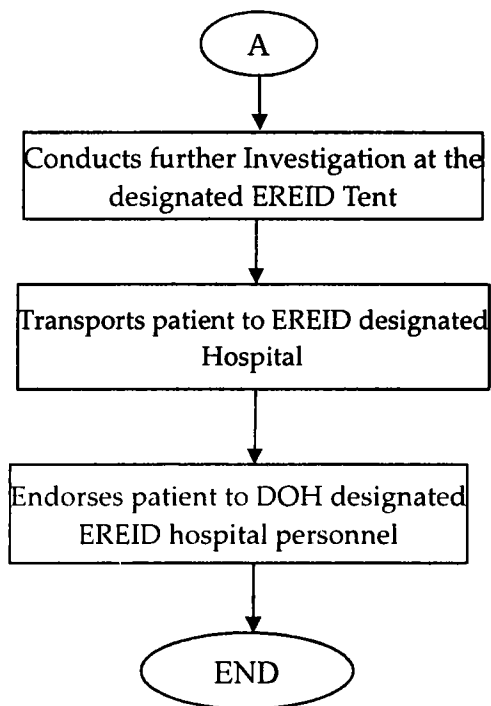
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WORK INSTRUCTION

EREID DESIGNATED TRIAGE NURSE

1. Performs initial assessment of the patient's signs and symptoms based on the EREID - DOH criteria.
2. Determines whether a patient is or is not classified as a Person Under Investigation Utilization (PUI).
3. Provides PUI to wear face mask.

IPCU staff

1. Facilitates transfer of PUI to a designated EREID facility.

DISSEMINATION

Weekly Management Meetings (WMM), RMCi Intranet, Sections and Division Meetings, Manual of Policy

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