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PURPOSE:

To provide early detection strategies to prevent or limit infection transmission in health-care setting during COVID-19 occurrences or outbreak.

LEVEL:

ALL EMPLOYEES

DEFINITION OF TERMS:


TRIAGE - The sorting out and classification of patients or casualties to determine priority of need and proper place of treatment. During infectious disease outbreaks, triage is particularly important to separate patients likely to be infected with the pathogen of concern.

COVID-19 – is the infectious disease caused by the most recently discovered coronavirus. This new virus and disease were unknown before the outbreak began in Wuhan, China, in December 2019. COVID-19 is now a pandemic affecting many countries globally.


Emerging and Re-emerging infectious diseases (EREIDs) - are serious public health threats globally. One that either has appeared and affected a population for the first time, or has existed previously but is rapidly spreading, either in terms of the number of people getting infected, or to new geographical areas.

POLICY:


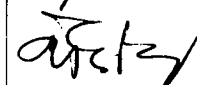


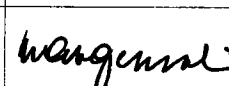
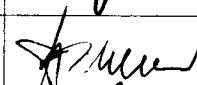
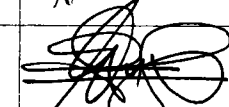
- a. DPOTMH shall adapt a clinical triage including early recognition and immediate placement of patients in separate area from other patients.
- b. Health care workers shall adhere to the application of standard precaution for all patients and strict compliance of infection prevention and control measures.


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- c. DPOTMH shall implement empiric additional precaution for suspected, probable and confirmed EREID cases.
- d. 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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PROCEDURE:

MAIN HOSPITAL PROCESS FLOW:

1. All patients for admission, clients, watchers shall be directed to the EREID triage for assessment. (located outside ER entrance).
2. Attending Physicians and Residents may pass through the hospital's main entrance provided that ID shall be worn at all times.
3. EREID designated Triage nurse shall take the temperature and lets the patient, client, and watcher fill-out initial assessment tool. Patients coming from an ambulance, stretcher, or wheelchair shall be prioritized.
4. CRO shall facilitate smooth and systematic flow of clients in waiting making sure 1-2 meter gap is observed.
5. Patients, clients, and watchers exhibiting signs and symptoms such as cough, colds, sore throat and other respiratory symptoms or diarrhea with fever or SARI (Severe Acute Respiratory Infection) or muscle pain and/or loss of smell or taste shall be directed to:
 - i. *If MILD*: OPD extension (1000H-1800H) or EREID tent (1800H-1000H) for check – up and consultation. (if weather not suitable(e.g. raining, storms), OPD can accommodate 24°.
 - ii. *If MODERATE to SEVERE*: Respiratory wing / SARI wing for admission.
6. Patients not exhibiting the signs and symptoms above shall be directed to the main ER or OPD complex for admission or consult.

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7. Watchers, clients not exhibiting signs and symptoms shall be stamped and may proceed to the main hospital entrance.
8. Patients, clients, and watchers with mild symptoms will be referred to the DEM consultants for check-up and disposition.


East Entrance:

1. Only DPOTMH's employees and doctors can enter using this entrance.
2. Guard on duty shall take temperature of each employee going inside the hospital.
3. Guard on duty shall check the company IDs and makes sure it is worn.

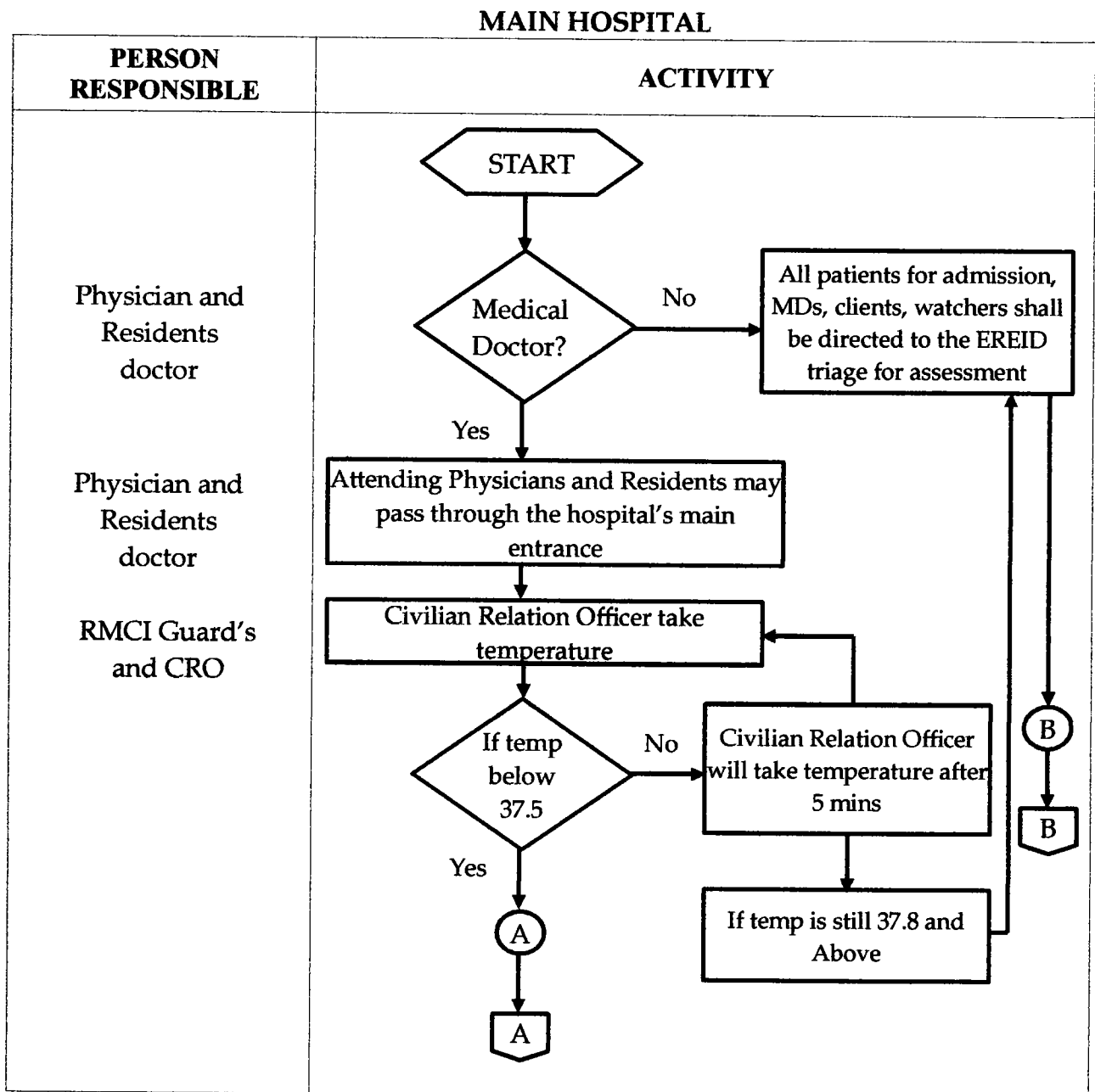
MAB PROCESS FLOW:

MAB Main Entrance

1. All patients and watcher for consultation with or without appointment shall be directed to the MAB triage table.
2. CRO shall facilitate smooth and systematic flow of clients in waiting making sure 1-2 meter gap is observed.
3. MAB Triage nurse shall take the temperature and assess for signs and symptoms indicative of COVID-19.
 - i. if without symptoms, may enter MAB on scheduled time
 - ii. if with symptoms:
 - A. MILD: send patient to OPD extension / EREID TENT
 - B. MODERATE TO SEVERE: send patient to ER SARI / Respiratory wing
4. Patients without signs and symptoms and no scheduled appointment, MAB triage nurse shall call Attending Physician's secretary for disposition.

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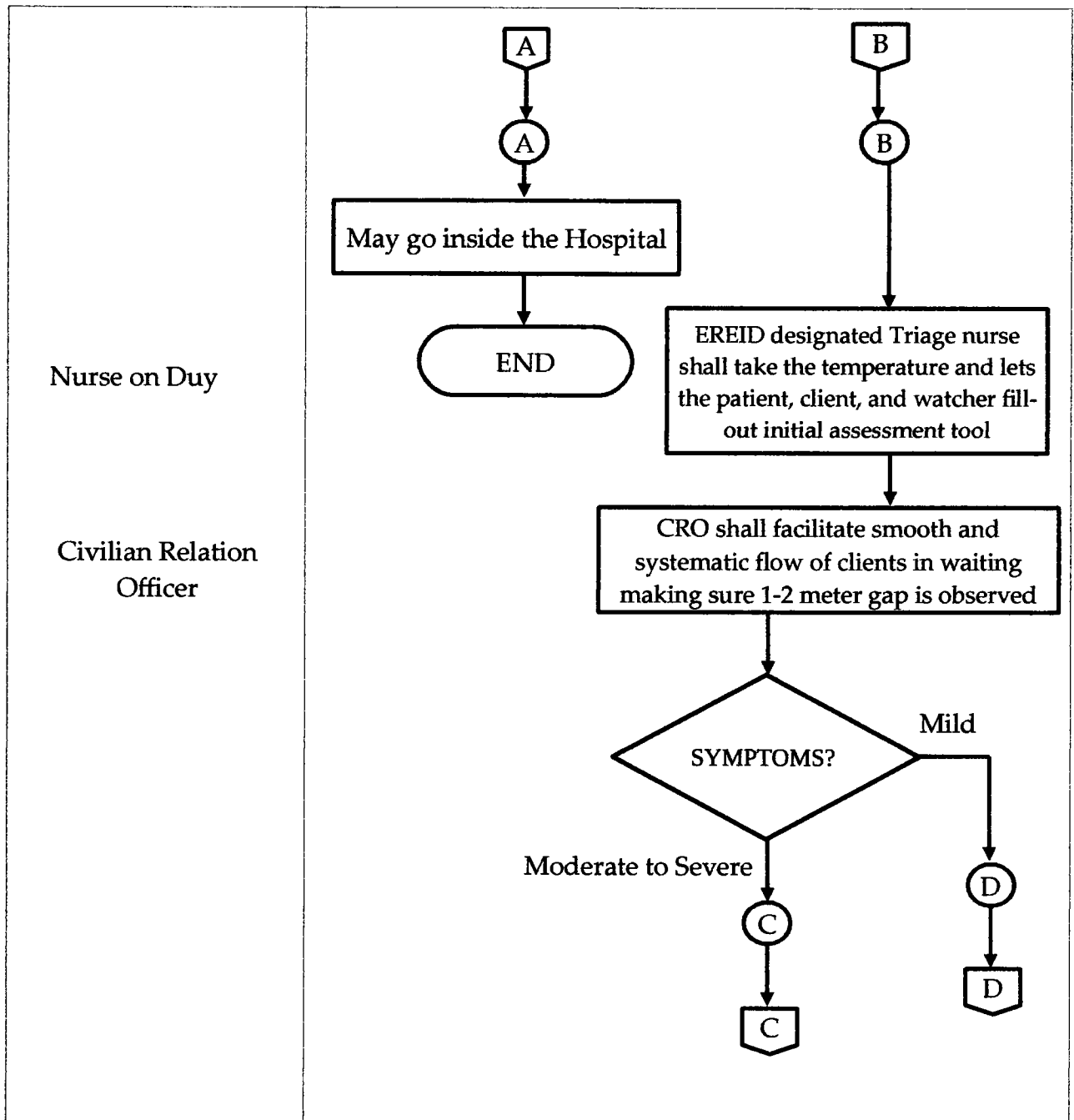





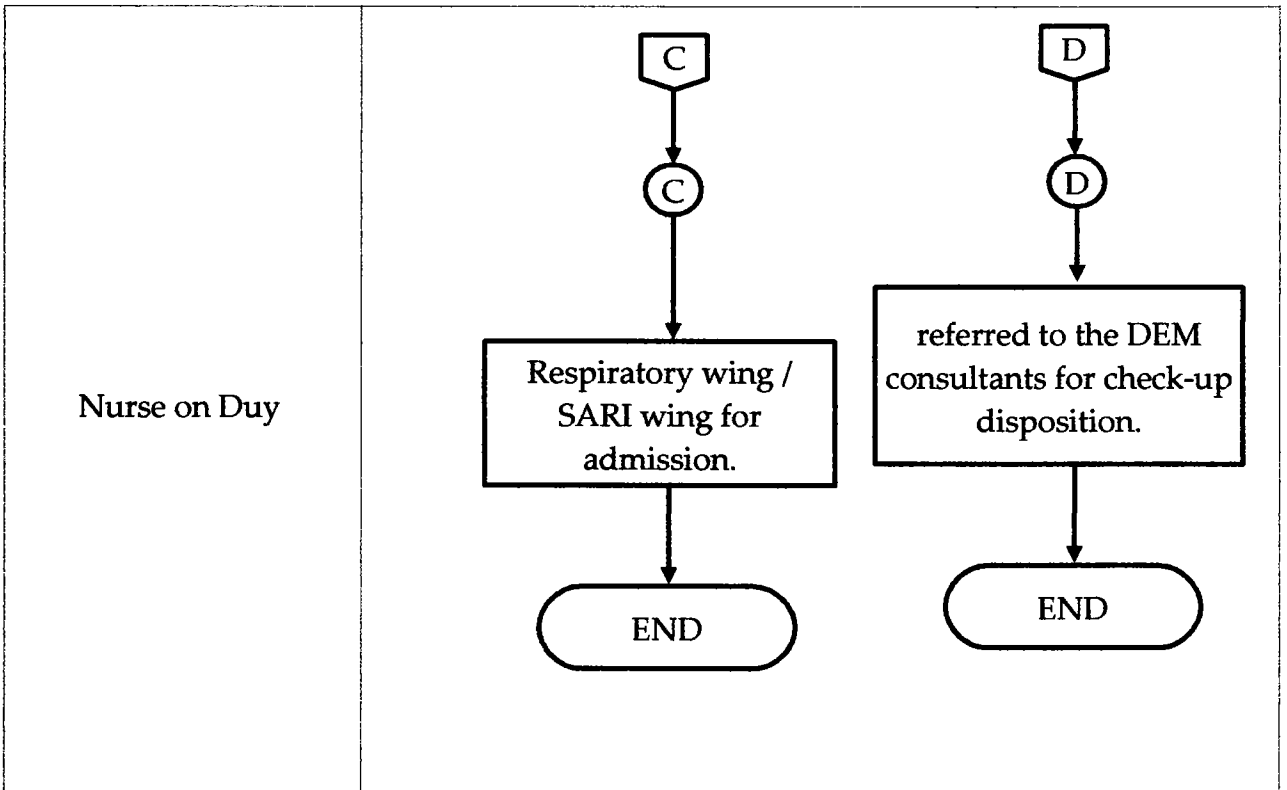
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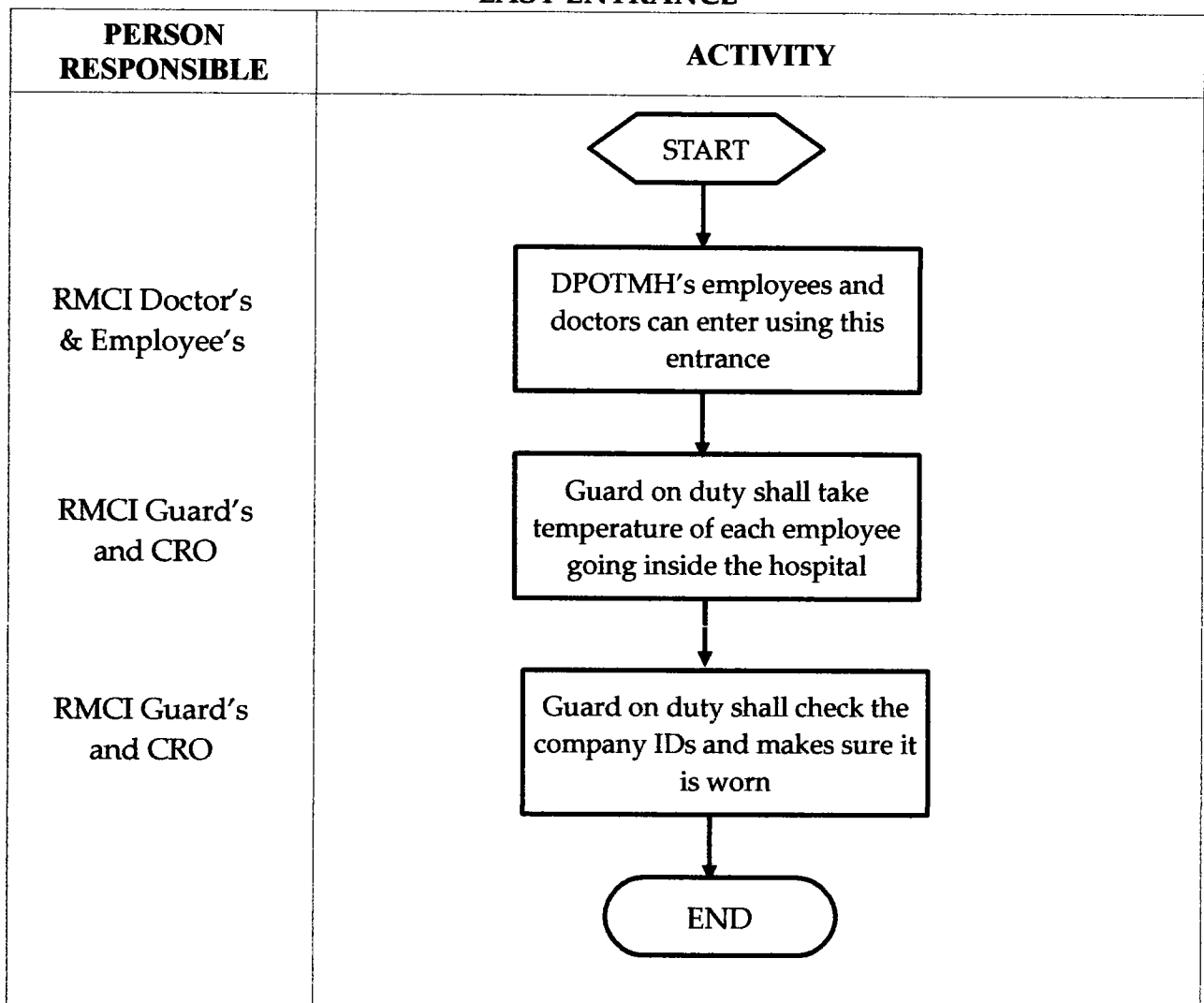



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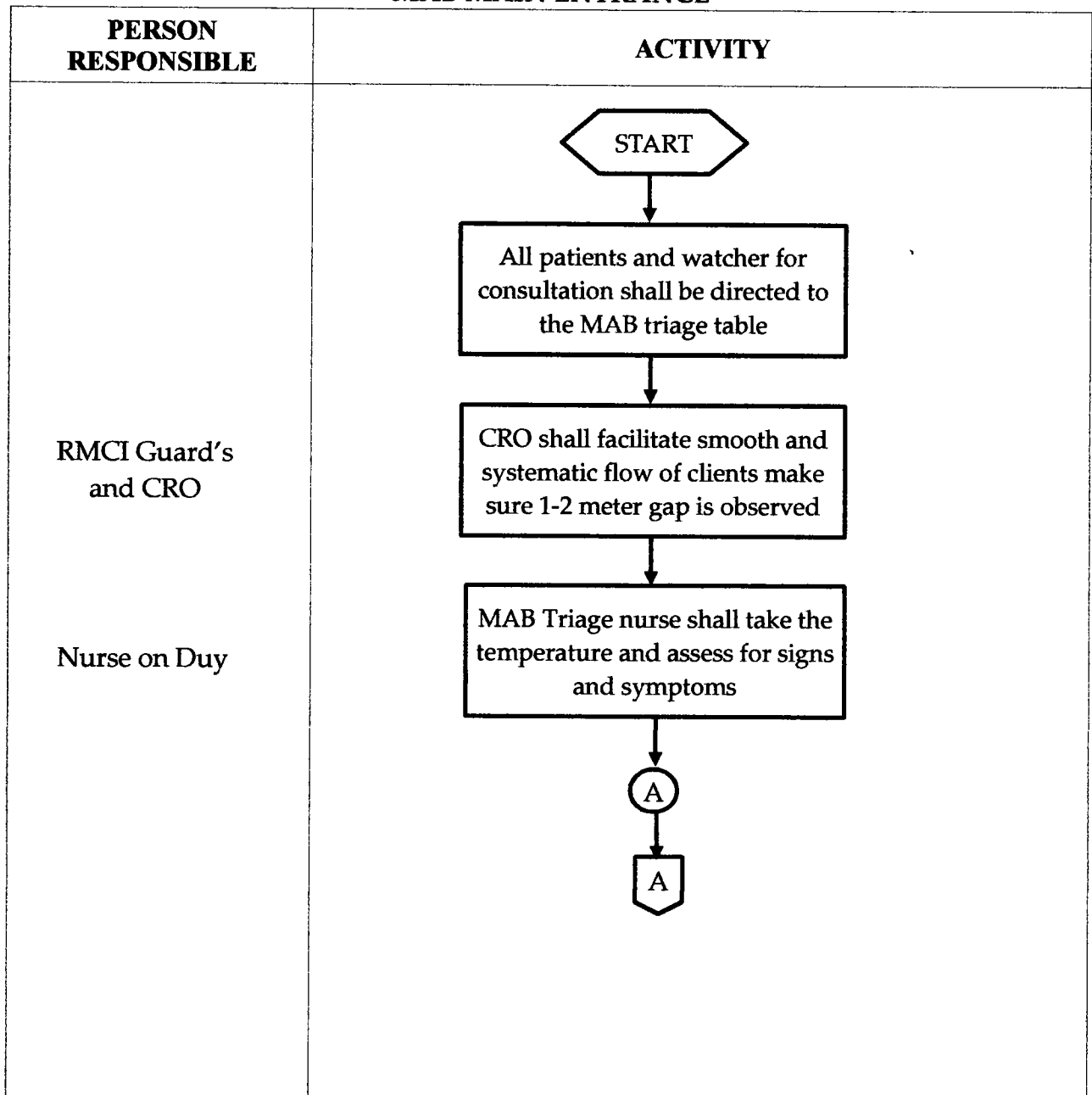
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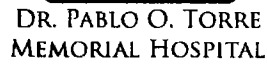
EAST ENTRANCE



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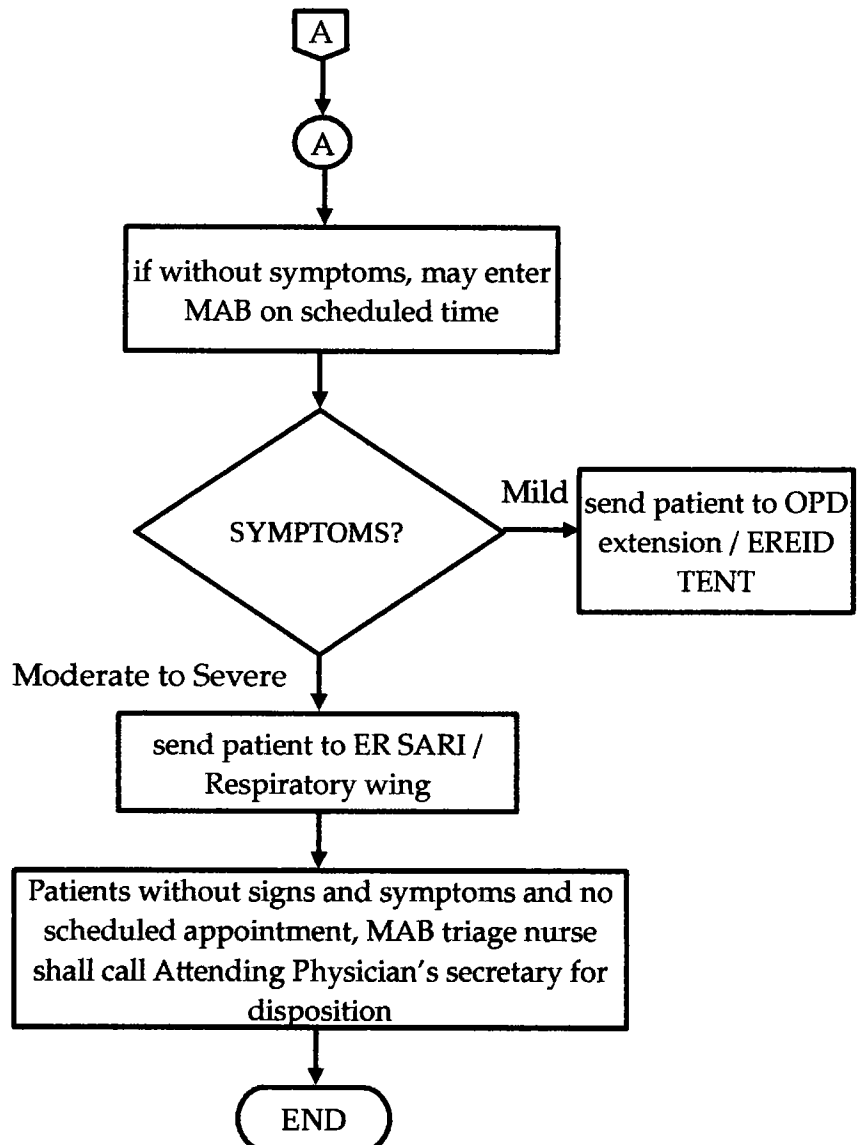
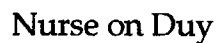
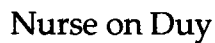
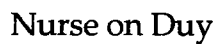
MAB MAIN ENTRANCE






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WORK INSTRUCTION:

EREID TRIAGE NURSE / MAB TRIAGE NURSE

1. Assesses and takes temperatures of all individuals going inside the hospital
2. Shall let all the clients, patients, and watcher fill-out the initial assessment tool

GUARD ON DUTY

1. Shall take the temperature of all employees going inside the hospital from the East entrance
2. Makes sure company ID is worn at all times

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1. Facilitates smooth traffic flow of client/patients

DOCUMENTATION:

1. Policy
2. Memorandum

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