

RANCHO LOS AMIGOS NATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTER

Infection Prevention and Control

Tuberculosis (TB) Control Plan

SUBJECT: OUTPATIENT TB MANAGEMENT PLAN

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Rancho is a rehabilitation center and will not knowingly admit a patient with suspected or confirmed infectious pulmonary TB disease.

A. CLINIC VISITS

1. If cough is present, the patient will wear a surgical mask until evaluated by the health care clinician. The patient is to remain in the designated room and not in the waiting room. Keep door closed. Instruct patient to keep the mask on and to change the mask if it becomes wet.
2. If the patient cannot tolerate a mask, they should observe strict respiratory hygiene and cough etiquette
3. Workforce Personnel are to wear a NIOSH approved N-95 respirator if the patient is coughing and unable to wear a mask

B. SUSPECT TUBERCULOSIS ADMISSIONS

If the patient is to be admitted with a diagnosis of possible pulmonary tuberculosis, the patient will wear a surgical mask at all times until placed in a respiratory isolation room. Such patients will go directly to the unit when a bed is available.

1. The patient will be placed in Airborne Isolation room 3039 or 3041 at 3 West.
2. The medical provider will write an order for Airborne precautions as part of the admitting orders
3. Nursing will notify Infection Prevention and Control at extension 57447; during after hours, holidays or weekends, notify the Hospital Charge Nurse

C. LIAISON WITH DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TB CONTROL

Infection Prevention and Control will monitor and assist proper reporting (GOTCH Bill) of all suspected or confirmed TB cases to LA County Department of Public Health TB Control.

D. MONITORING

Monitoring staff to assure compliance with these guidelines is the responsibility of the department manager. Health care workers who fail to comply and use appropriate personnel protective equipment will result in disciplinary action per hospital policy.

E. SPUTUM COLLECTION

Patients suspected of having active TB will use the sputum induction chamber for specimen collection.