

RANCHO LOS AMIGOS NATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTER

Infection Prevention and Control

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| SUBJECT: ISOLATION GUIDELINES: IDENTIFICATION OF PATIENTS REQUIRING ISOLATION | Policy No.: IC103E Revision Date: 05/2022 Reviewed: 05/2022 Page: 1 of 1 |
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Purpose:

Proper identification of patients that require isolation will prompt timely initiation of proper isolation precautions to protect patients and staff from unnecessary exposure to infectious diseases or conditions. The following procedure will be followed:

1. The Unit will notify the Infection Prevention and Control Department when a patient requiring isolation is admitted and positive microbiology results.
2. Once the Infection Prevention and Control Department has been notified of a patient that requires isolation, the Infection Prevention and Control staff will document the isolation status in the electronic medical record and update as needed (i.e. admissions change in transmission based isolation, transfers from one unit to another, etc.).
3. Isolation signs will be posted at the patient's door. *Watch for these signs.*
4. Isolation carts are placed outside of the patient's room. Personal protective equipment (i.e. gloves, gowns, mask, N-95 respirator) required to enter the isolation room will be in the isolation carts.
5. Patients on isolation will have an isolation sticker on the front of their charts indicating the type of isolation and the source of the infection(s).
6. All Infection Prevention and Control staff notations will be documented in the electronic medical record. Changes in the patient's isolation status will be reflected in the note.
7. Consult with the Infection Prevention and Control Department or Infectious Disease Specialist before discontinuing isolation.
8. The orange color ID wrist band clip will be used to identify patients that require isolation precautions.