

VALLEYCARE
OLIVE VIEW-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER/HEALTH CENTERS
DEPARTMENT: FACILITIES
POLICY & PROCEDURE

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SUBJECT/TITLE: NEGATIVE PRESSURE ISOLATION ROOMS

POLICY: Negative Pressure Isolation Rooms are tested monthly by the A/C Shop. If a Multiple Drug Resistant T.B. (MDR TB) Patient has been or is to be admitted to the hospital, the isolation room will be checked for negative pressure.

PURPOSE: To establish a procedure and time frame for testing negative pressure isolation rooms and to establish a procedure to increase the frequency of the testing when Multiple Drug Resistant T.B. (MDR TB) patients have been admitted to the hospital.

PROCEDURE: 1. The A/C Shop will take readings on negative pressure isolation rooms monthly.
2. The readings are to be documented.
3. Reading less than 10 FPM, neutral, or positive are to be reported to the A/C Shop Supervisor immediately.
4. Infection Control will notify the Facilities A/C Supervisor if a Multiple Drug Resistant Patient has been admitted to the hospital.
5. If a Multiple Drug Resistant T.B. patient has been admitted, the A/C Supervisor shall schedule testing of the isolation room, for negative pressure, immediately.
6. It is Infection Control's responsibility to alert the A/C Supervisor, the Director, or the Associate Director of Facilities Division if the Multiple Drug Resistant T.B. patient is admitted.
7. If the Director or Associate Director of Facilities is notified that a Multiple Drug Resistant T.B. patient has been admitted to the hospital, he/she shall notify the A/C Supervisor.
8. The Infection Control Department will notify Facilities when a Multiple Drug Resistant T.B. patient has been transferred to another isolation room or discharged from the hospital.

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DEFINITIONS:

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