

Policy Title: Single Room use for Isolation Precautions

Department/Unit:

Infection Control Unit.

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1. **CONDITIONS:**

1.1 Internal Medicine , Nursing and Psychiatry department

2. **PURPOSE:**

2.1 To provide guidelines on appropriate use of single room for isolation.

3. **DEFINITIONS:**

3.1 Appropriate patient placement is an important component of isolation precautions, which are designed to do the following:

3.1.1 Provide a physical barrier around the patient infected or colonized with epidemiologically significant microorganisms.

3.1.2 Remind personnel and visitors to observe infection control measures.

3.2 Consult with the Infection control practitioner (ICP) to verify proper patient placement as necessary.

4. **Related Documents:**

N/A

5. **POLICY:**

5.1 It is the University of Jeddah Medical Center policy to provide guidelines on the appropriate use of single rooms for isolating patient suspected or confirmed communicable diseases

6. **PROCEDURES:**

6.1 Single rooms:

6.1.1 Use single room with hand hygiene and toilet facilities for isolation purposes.

6.1.2 Use single room with negative pressure for Airborne isolation precautions.

6.1.3 Post the appropriate isolation signs on the door to indicate the isolation precaution(s) category required.

6.1.4 Place the necessary PPE outside the single isolation room.

6.1.5 Consult with Infection Control if there is a need to cohort patients with identical organisms/disease.

6.2 Indication for single room:

6.2.1 Refer to IC-024 Isolation Systems: A Quick Reference Guide to initiate isolation by type of suspected/ diagnosed infection or infectious diseases.

6.2.2 Patient is placed in a single room for the duration of communicability/ infectious period of the disease.

6.2.3 When a patient is unable to comply with basic hygiene and infection control practices.

6.3 Admission Process:

6.3.1 Attending physician documents confirmed or suspected infectious status of patient that requires isolation.

6.3.2 Admitting wards (OPD, ER) notifies Infection Prevention & Control.

6.3.3 Infection Control Staff and Admissions Department will confer to determine need for single room.

6.3.4 The receiving ward and admission office shall notify infection control staff when a patient is placed in single room isolation.

6.3.5 If a single room, in an OFF—SERVICE ward is utilized, the Admissions Department Shall Transfer the

patient to the appropriate service ward as soon as the required room becomes available.

6.3.6 The infection control staff shall assess, monitor patient's progress and advise when isolation in a single room should be discontinued.

6.3.7 The ward staff shall notify the Admissions office when isolation is discontinued

7. RESPONSIBILITIES:

7.1 Accountable to the Infection Prevention Control Practitioner/Committee.

8. Appendix:

N/A

9. REFERRANCES:

9.1 Ministry of Health Manual for Infection Control

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