

## Isolation Precautions

For complete listing of diseases that require Isolation or Precautions in addition to Standard Precautions, please see "Isolation Policy" in Infection Control Manual, section II.

**Hand Hygiene:** keeping hands clean is one of the most important steps we can take to avoid getting sick & spreading germs to onther. Regular handwashing or antimicrobial gels (if hands are not visibly soiled) may be used to clean hands before & after every patient contact and in between when contaminated.

See hand hygiene policy for more information.

### I. Standard Precautions: (for all patients)

\* Wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE, such as gowns, gloves, masks, eye protection, for ALL patients as necessary.

1. When contact with blood or body fluids;
2. For procedures that produce sprays/aerosols;

### II. Airborne Precautions

(Organisms in this category are transmitted by the airborne route. Organisms can remain suspended in the air and travel through ventilation systems).

Included are:

**\* TB**

1. Patient placed in Negative Pressure Room.
2. Employees must wear N95 or PAPR when entering room.
3. Visitors should be kept at a minimum and must wear regular mask when entering room.
4. Patient should wear regular mask when transported to other areas.

**\* Chicken Pox, Measles, Shingles Diseminated.**

1. Patient placed in Negative Pressure Room in airborne precautions.
2. Employees must be immune to enter.
3. Visitors must be immune or wear regular mask to enter.
4. Remove PPE & perform hand hygiene upon exit.

## Isolation Precautions (cont'd)

### III. Droplet Precautions

Transmitted by respiratory secretions. Organisms usually drop to surfaces quickly within 3-6 feet of patient. Another person must be close to expelled secretions for transmission to occur (Within 3-6 feet).

- \* Private room. Door may remain open.
- \* Precaution sign on door.
- \* Mask when you enter a room. Remove mask and perform hand hygiene when leaving room.

### IV. Contact Precautions

Transmitted by hand of health care workers and/or the environment.

- \* Private room. Door may remain open.
- \* Precaution sign on door.
- \*Gowns and gloves when entering. Mask also if infection is respiratory.
- \* Remove Personal Protective Equipment and wash hands before leaving room.

**Precaution sign on door.**

**DOOR KEPT CLOSED.**

***Direct any questions to RN caring for patient, Infection Control Nurse or House Supervisor.***

**For Law Enforcement Officers and Outside Contractors:**

Contact RN caring for patient before entering isolation room.

## Quick Reference SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Door County Medical Center and its affiliated components are committed to providing a safe and secure environment for patients, visitors, and staff members.

This commitment has resulted in a detailed safety plan which is available in all departments.

To provide a user friendly quick reference for staff, "Emergency Preparedness Reference" charts have been developed and are posted in all work areas.

These charts provide immediate access to emergency information in most case scenarios.

Key points of emergency information are provided in this brochure along with basic information on isolation, TB, and bloodborne infections.

### EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

**Cherry Point Mall Departments /  
Other Off-Site Locations.....911**

HOSPITAL / CLINIC FOR THE FOLLOWING EMERGENCIES	
CODE	DIAL 3333
Medical Emergency Alert + Location	Cardiac Arrest
Imminent Delivery	Imminent Delivery
Fire Alarm Alert + Location	Fire
Missin Person Alert + Description + Location Last Seen	Infant / Child Abduction
Security Alert Response + Location	Potential Violent Situation
Mass Casualty Alert + Description	County Wide Disaster
Severe Weather Alert + Description	Tornado Warning
Evacuation Alert + Description	Bomb Threat

## Prevention of Bloodborne Infections

### Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- \* Use appropriate personal protective equipment (e.g., gloves, gown, goggles, mask, ventilation devices, etc), as needed when doing tasks involving blood or other potentially infectious materials.

### Sharp Safety

- \* Discard all contaminated sharp objects immediately after use in designated puncture-resistant containers.
- \* Do not bend, break, cut or recap needles by hand.

### Significant Exposures

- \* Puncture wounds. (Needle sticks, etc.)
- \* Blood or other potentially infectious materials to open area on skin.
- \* Blood or other potentially infectious materials to eyes, nose or mouth..

### Steps to Follow After Above Exposure

- \* Wash area with soap and water.
- \* Flush eyes with tap water or use eye wash station.
- \* Inform the Department Leader / Supervisor of the incident.
- \* Call Employee Health (3725) or the Supervisor (3653).

### Infectious Waste:

- \* Drrippable, pourable blood or body fluids containing blood.
- \* Sharps, biological cultures and body parts must be disposed of in red hazardous waste bags or red hazardous hard shell containers, or if appropriate, pour down hopper wearing PPE, or gel and contain as above.

### For Law Enforcement Officers and Outside Contractors

- \* When a Significant Exposure occurs, besides doing what is listed above, notify your employer of the exposure.
- \* For additional information see "Bloodborn Pathogens Exposure Control Plan" and procedures on Significant Exposure Follow Up and Prophylaxis in Infection Control Manual.

## Prevention and Controlling TB

(*Mycobacterium Tuberculosis*)

Suspected or Confirmed TB patients will be placed in **Negative Pressure Rooms in Airborne Precautions**, according to high risk of TB disease and clinical signs and symptoms.

### Location of negative pressure rooms:

Med/Surg - rooms 2123 & 2124  
ED - Rooms 9 & 10  
OPMU - Rooms 1 & 2

### High Risk

- \* HIV +/- AIDS
- \* Contact of a known active case
- \* Alcoholism or drug use
- \* Inmate of correctional institution
- \* Nursing home patient
- \* History of untreated latent TB

### Clinical Signs and Symptoms

- \* Fever of unknown origin
- \* Blood in sputum
- \* Persistent productive cough
- \* Fever, night sweats
- \* Weight loss, anorexia
- \* Fatigue, chills, malaise

### For Law Enforcement Officers and Outside Contractors

- \* Contact RN caring for the patient before entering isolation room. If any exposure to a patient has occurred prior to isolating the patient contact Director/Manager or charge nurse and your employer.

## Fire Safety

### Response to Fire

- R Rescue anyone in immediate danger
- A Alarm activate nearest alarm station and call 3333
- C Confine fire and smoke by closing door
- E Extinguish fire if can be done safely by use of fire extinguishers and evacuate as necessary

### Extinguisher / Class of Fire

- A. Type Ordinary Combustibles (wood, cloth, paper)
- B. Type Flammable Liquids (oil, grease, gasoline)
- C. Type Electrical (motors, wiring, switches)

### Use of Fire Extinguishers

**P Pull** Pin

**A Aim** at base of fire

**S Squeeze** handle

**S Sweep** extinguisher contents side to side working toward the back of the fire

Operator announces **"Code Red"** to alert facility of fire condition.

For additional information and other announced emergency conditions, refer to the "Emergency Preparedness Reference".