

HACKETTSTOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Administrative Policy & Procedure
Sabbath

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PURPOSE:

To provide guidelines for Sabbath operations.

PHILOSOPHY:

As a Seventh-day Adventist medical center, Hackettstown Regional Medical Center believes in the Biblical principles of Sabbath (Saturday) observance and Christian care. Together these principles require that the hospital attempt to relieve each patient's physical or mental suffering without undue delay, while at the same time create on the Sabbath (Friday sundown to Saturday sundown) a special atmosphere of restfulness and spiritual contemplation for patients and employees. In harmony with these principles, the following policy will govern hospital activities on the Sabbath.

POLICY:

Diagnostic and therapeutic procedures for inpatients and outpatients are promptly performed to make a diagnosis or to bring relief of physical and/or mental suffering.

Diagnostic, therapeutic and support departments should be adequately staffed to meet patient needs at all times.