

HACKETTSTOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Administrative Policy and Procedure

Section: Facilities

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TITLE: NEGATIVE PRESSURE ROOMS (Airborne Infection Isolation Room) (AIIR)

PURPOSE:

To provide rooms for patients, suspected or confirmed, who are infected with micro-organisms transmitted by airborne droplet small particle residue 5 microns or smaller in order to limit the exposure for other patients, staff, and visitors.

POLICY:

Designated negative pressure rooms will be used when the potential of infectious spread exists by airborne exposure.

PROCEDURE:

1. Patients with potential or confirmed respiratory infections will be placed in rooms that can be maintained under negative pressure. Negative pressure rooms include:
 - Room 10 in the Emergency Department;
 - Endoscopy Rooms 1, 2 and 3 in Minor Procedures
 - Rooms 15 and 16 in Same Day Surgery (SDS);
 - Room 2 in Post Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU);
 - Room 321 in the Progressive Care Unit (PCU);
 - Rooms 3 and 4 in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU);
 - Room 322 on 3 South; and
 - Room 421 on OB.
2. Negative pressure is maintained by the direction of airflow coming from the hallway into the room, so that the transmission of disease of airborne microorganisms is minimized. The air from the room is exhausted directly outside the building or recirculated through HEPA filtration six to twelve air exchanges per hour including two outside air exchanges/hour.
3. The room doors must be closed to insure the proper airflow.
4. Maintenance will monitor the rooms on a daily basis and maintain log which is kept in Maintenance Department.