HACKETTSTOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

MONITOR TECH'S MANUAL
(Scope)

TITLE: **ADMIT TO TELEMETRY**

PURPOSE: To outline the procedure to initiate telemetry monitoring of a patient.

**EQUIPMENT
LIST:**
1. Telemetry Unit
2. (2) AA Batteries
3. Lead wires

CONTENT: **MONITOR**	**PROCEDURE STEPS**	**KEY POINTS**
	1. Paperwork is entered into interpretation book by Telemetry Tech.	Name, Medical Record number, unit and room number is provided to the telemetry tech by the nursing unit in which the patient's will be located. Med-Surg or PCU central station monitor.
	** Note. Telemetry charting form 1 to be provided to telemetry tech labeled and completed with telemetry number, consulting cardiologist, DNR status and diagnosis in a timely manner.	
	2. Locate unused patient window on Clinical Information Center (CIC) display screen.	
	3. Select **ADMIT** tab from the CIC display screen	First and last name. Click and enter medical record number.
	4. Enter the patient's last name, first name. The patient's medical record number is entered in the patient ID location.	
	5. Select **BED**. Clicking the Bed area will open a list of available beds. Select the assigned bed.	
	6. Select **ECG FROM.** Clicking the arrow located in this area will opem a list of available telemetry transmitters. Select the TTX#, located on the back of the telemetry transmitter assigned to the patient.	
	7. Click ADMIT button located to the far right of the window. The view patient screen will open once the admission process is completed.	

8. Print an admission strip. Click **SAMPLE**. Click **ALARM HISTORIES**. A sample of the admission strip will appear in the view patient screen. Click **PRINT** located at the lower right corner of the screen. A 10 second admission strip will then print.

Patient is now admitted to telemetry

RECORDS

1. Tele Charting Form 1 and interpreted admission strip are placed in Telemetry Record Book by the tele tech.

Interpret rhythm by measuring PRI, QRS, QT, R-R. Note comments and ectopy and place in interpretation book

2. Order for telemetry is entered into Cerner by the Med-Surg unit when the patient is admitted. This order will generate a daily charge task that will be accepted or d/ced by the primary care nurse.

3. No order or charge is entered when patients are admitted to the PCU as it is a standard of care.