

Section: Division of Nursing

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**PROCEDURE**  
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HACKETTSTOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

**MONITOR TECH'S MANUAL**  
(Scope)

**TITLE: TRIAGE OF TELEMETRY TRANSMITTERS**

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**PURPOSE:** To outline the procedure to discontinue monitoring of stable telemetry patients when there is limited access to telemetry units for other patients.

**SUPPORTIVE DATA:**

Triaging can be initiated by a Monitor Tech, Charge Nurse in PCU or Med-Surg, Administrative Coordinator and/or attending physician/ Critical Care Medical Director.

Triaging is completed on Med-Surg telemetry patients when patients meet 48 hour criteria and/or when there are 10 telemetry transmitters units in use.

**CONTENT: PROCEDURE**

1. Monitor techs working 1900-0730 will provide a list of potential patients eligible for discontinuation to Med-Surg. Every Med-Surg patient monitored for 48 hours or longer, regardless of rhythm, rate, ectopy are to be placed on the list.
2. The list is faxed to the unit where the patients are housed.
3. Med-surg nursing staff will discuss telemetry renewal or discontinuation with patient's physician.
4. 3 North Unit Coordinator/charge nurse or patient's primary nurse will advise telemetry tech of orders received. Either for continuation of telemetry or discontinuation.
5. If the patient has an order for telemetry renewal the tech will make a note on the patient's telemetry charting form in the telemetry record. Date and time of the renewal notice is recorded. The patient will be eligible again for triaging in 48 hours.