Section: Division of Nursing

PROCEDURE

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### 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
- Lead wires

CONTENT: MONITOR

#### PROCEDURE STEPS

## **KEY POINTS**

- The Telemetry charting form 1 is provided to the MT by the nursing unit where the patient will be admitted to.
- Any information not provided on the form at the time it is received can be obtained from the electronic medical record using the patient census/list screen.
- Locate unused patient window on Central Information Center (CIC) display screen.
- 3. Select ADMIT tab from the CIC display screen
- 4. Enter the patient's last name, first name. The patient's medical record number is entered in the patient ID location.
- 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 open a list of available telemetry transmitters. Select the TTX#, located on the back of the telemetry transmitter assigned to the patient.
- Click ADMIT button located to the far right of the window. The view patient screen will open once the admission process is completed.
- 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.

Name, unit and room number is provided to the telemetry tech by the nursing unit in which the patient's will be located.

First and last name. Click and enter medical record number.

Patient is now admitted to telemetry

# **RECORDS**

1. After interpretation, notify primary nurse to pick up admission strip.

- 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.

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Interpret rhythm by measuring PRI, QRS, QT, R-R. Note comments and ectopy and document findings.