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HACKETTSTOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

PCU/3-NORTH /MONITOR TECH
(Scope)

TITLE: TELEMETRY CHARTING FORM I- Downtime

- PURPOSE:** To provide clinical information about the patient on telemetry when electronic record is not available
- NATURE OF FORM:** Permanent form when electronic record is unavailable, or was unavailable for any time during the patient stay.
- POPULATION:** All patients on telemetry.
- RESPONSIBILITY:** Transcriber of telemetry order.
- PLACEMENT:** 1. Form will be kept in either the Med Surg or PCU Telemetry Record book until telemetry is discontinued.
2. When patient is discharged from telemetry charting form and strips are charted under EKG in patient's chart.
- CONTENT:** 1. Record doctor ordering telemetry as well as consulting cardiologist.
2. Record TTX Number found on back of telemetry unit.
3. Record whether or not patient has a permanent pacemaker. This information is obtained from the primary nurse requesting telemetry.
4. Record code status. If it is not ordered or indicated on the Advanced Directive or medical progress note, ask the patient's primary nurse.
5. Record diagnosis. Can be obtained from Patient Care Summary under "reason for visit".
6. Monitor Tech will be immediately made aware of any changes including:
 a. Code Status
 b. Physician or Cardiologist Change
 c. Room or Unit Change