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## I. STATEMENT OF THE POLICY

This policy shall provide guidance in the admission/transfer of patients in Non-Covid-19 units.

## II. GUIDELINES

1. Adult Pay Ward 1 (APW 1) shall be designated as the holding area for newly admitted **NON-COVID** semi private and pay ward patients while waiting for RT-PCR GeneXpert result. Bed A, B, C will continue as holding area for MICU2.
2. The admitting section shall ensure that all newly admitted patients in the holding area have a pre-assigned room.
3. Patient should be transferred to appropriate room once the RT-PCR result is in.
  - 3.1 Positive RT-PCR to COVID-19 units
  - 3.2 Negative RT-PCR to pre-assigned NON-COVID room
  - 3.3. Patients with RT-PCR negative result in MICU 2 holding area should be transferred to the main area immediately. For patients with positive RT-PCR result should be transferred to MICU 1.
  - 3.4 Another RT-PCR test may be requested after a negative test if clinically indicated and cleared by IDS.
4. For critically ill patients with negative PCR result but still in need of critical care, Medical Intensive Care Unit 2 (MICU2) can be used as a step-down unit.
  - 4.1 Bed A, B, and C will be the holding area for these patients.
5. All personnel entering APW 1 (holding area) shall strictly wear the Prescribed Personal Protective Equipment
  - 5.1 Face shield / Eye Protection
  - 5.2 Medical Mask
  - 5.3 Gown
  - 5.4 Gloves (if with patient contact)
  - 5.5 Change Medical Mask to Respirator for Aerosol Generating Procedures
6. All personnel entering the holding area of **Medical Intensive Care Unit 2** shall strictly wear the Prescribed Personal Protective Equipment

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- 5.1 Coveralls
- 5.2 Face shield / Eye Protection Respirator Mask (n95)
- 5.3 Gloves
- 5.4 Additional gown on top of the coveralls and medical mask on top of the respirator mask shall be worn for splash generating procedures.
7. The basic health protocol measures shall be the following:
  - 6.1 Good Hand Hygiene
  - 6.2 Physical Distancing
  - 6.3 Cough Etiquette
  - 6.4 Regular Cleaning and Disinfection
  - 6.5 Avoidance of touching the nose, mouth and eyes
8. Routine Environmental Cleaning (COVID-19) shall be followed. (*Refer to Guidelines GL-ICP-031*).
9. If there is a high suspicion of COVID-19, patient will be immediately transferred to designated Covid-19 units.
10. Strictly no companion is allowed inside the holding area.