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The alternative means of compliance with T22 DIV5 CH1 ART8-70805 include

The alternative concepts will ensure patient safety is not compromised. The concepts include:

1. Patient care will be provided by Registered Nurses (RN) from the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and Telemetry staff RNs that have completed the Telemetry RN Orientation Checklist).
2. The nurse to patient ratio will follow state regulatory requirements of 1:4 or less (Telemetry ratios) as outlined in Title 22 Section 70217.
3. Requested designated rooms are 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, and 135.
 - a. The ICU Charge RN /designee or the primary RN will document on the patient education board Telemetry to assist with identifying the bed accommodations.

Room and Space Accommodations

1. The ICU rooms are the same size as the patient rooms on the Telemetry unit and the equipment required to deliver emergency safe patient care is currently available on or within the ICU. The equipment includes but is not limited to:
 - a. Emergency cart
 - b. Emergency supplies
 - c. Access to computers and medication and supply pyxis.

Patient Care Support

1. Patient care management support will be provided by the ICU Charge RN or Rapid Response RN.
2. The ICU Clinical Manager, Charge RN, ICU Break RN or designee will relieve RNs for breaks; meal and rest.
3. All ICU and Telemetry RNs that have not previously completed the Temporary Telemetry Unit Orientation Tour Checklist will be required to complete the checklist prior to providing patient care.
4. Both ICU and Telemetry RNs have completed the competency requirements to provide care for Telemetry patients.

Visitors Access

1. Visitors will be able to visit Telemetry patients per the hospital visiting guidelines.
2. Accommodations for one visitor to stay overnight will be arrange if requested and the visitor complies with hospital policy.

Inclusion Criteria:

1. Telemetry adult inpatients

Exclusion Criteria:

The will apply while a Telemetry patient is admitted to the beds listed in this document:

1. Behavioral health patients
2. ICU patients



Tri-City Medical Center will:

1. Ensure medical gases, call light/system, space including patient belonging storage space, bathroom accessibility and related equipment to meet the patient's designated level of care.
2. Ensure Telemetry nursing leadership oversight for the patients cared for in this space.
3. Continue to provide necessary care in accordance with patient needs and make all reasonable efforts to act in the best interest of patients.
4. Adhere to level of care nurse-to-patient staffing ratios per Title 22 Section 70217.
5. Provide an orientation, provide documentation of this orientation, and ensure competence of the staff. (see the attachments)
6. Ensure compliance with nursing unit requirements per T22 Section 70049.
7. Ensure pharmacy regulations and policies and procedures are followed, including safe
 - a. Storage
 - b. Ordering/prescribing
 - c. Transcribing and verifying
 - d. Dispensing and delivering
 - e. Administering
 - f. Monitoring and reporting
8. Ensure signage is visible placed to clearly designate the flexed space.
9. Ensure a safe rapid response/code blue response and always maintain a crash cart in this area.
10. Adhere to hospital and unit specific policies and procedures.
11. Ensure patient privacy is maintained and implement a plan to allow visitors.
12. Follow infection control guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and California Department Public Health (CDPH) or local health department.
13. Ensure adequate dietary, nutrition, linen supplies and environmental (housekeeping) services are provided to the patients cared for in this space.