


Name of Policy:	<u>Room Assignment for Patients Undergoing Administration or Implantation of Therapeutic Radioactive Material</u>	 Effective Date: 10/7/2019 Initial Effective Date: 9/6/1981
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Department:	Hospital Administration	
Approving Officer:	Chief Executive Officer - UTMC	
Responsible Agent:	Associate VP Patient Care Service/Chief Nursing Officer	
Scope:	The University of Toledo Medical Center	
_____ New policy proposal		
_____ Major revision of existing policy		
		_____ - Minor/technical revision of existing policy
		_____ X Reaffirmation of existing policy

(A) Policy Statement

Patients undergoing the administration of I-131 requiring admission or implantation of Cs137 brachytherapy sealed sources shall be held in radiation isolation in a private room, preferably on nursing unit 4CD. This location may be changed upon the medical decision of the radiation oncologist and attending physician, if an alternative location is clinically more appropriate. The Radiation Safety Office must be notified immediately of the change. Patients receiving implants using I-125 do not require radiation isolation. Any change in this policy must be submitted to the Radiation Safety and Radioisotope Committee.

(B) Purpose of Policy

To provide the safest environment possible for patients, health care workers and visitors.

(C) Procedure

1. If a radiation therapy procedure involving the administration of I-131 or implantation of Cs137 brachytherapy sealed sources is to be performed soon after admission, the admitting physician is to request a private radiation isolation room on 4CD unless an alternative location is clinically more appropriate. This is to be done when writing admission orders. If the room is not on unit 4CD, the Radiation Safety Office must immediately be notified of the location.
2. If the radiation therapy procedure involving the administration of I-131 or implantation of Cs137 brachytherapy sealed sources is decided upon sometime after admission and the patient is not already in a private room on 4CD, the radiation oncologist shall request a room transfer to a radiation isolation room on 4CD, unless an alternative location is clinically more appropriate. If the room is not on unit 4CD, the Radiation Safety Office must immediately be notified of the location.
3. The Admission Office shall be notified as early as possible and preferably thirty-six hours in advance of the anticipated procedure.
4. If during the implantation procedure, the attending physician and/or radiation oncologist deem a specialty unit room be necessary, they are to notify the Admitting Office and Radiation Safety Office immediately so that a room may be secured as soon as possible.

Approved by: _____ /s/ Daniel Barbee, MBA, RN, BSN, FACHE Chief Executive Officer – UTMC Review/Revision Completed By: HAS Radiation Safety Officer	Review/Revision Date: 7/9/84 7/31/96 7/15/86 7/31/98 6/26/87 8/20/01 6/26/88 8/31/04 6/14/89 10/24/07 3/30/90 9/29/2010 3/29/91 9/1/2013 3/24/93 6/1/2016 10/4/2019
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