| Name of Policy:<br>Policy Number: | <u>Isolation trays</u><br>3364-104-1002 | THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO MEDICAL CENTER                 |  |
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# (A) Policy Statement

Food and Nutrition Services (FANS) will provide tray and menu services to patient in isolation rooms and patient in need of special safety precautions according to defined procedures.

#### (B) Purpose of Policy

To protect patients and employees, and to prevent the spread of contagious diseases to other patients.

## (C) Procedure

- 1. Isolation procedures may be ordered for patient in need of protective isolation, for patients with communicable diseases, and for patients who need special precautions for self-protection.
- 2. Isolation orders must be entered in the Electronic Medical Record by the nursing unit.
- 3. All patients in isolation will receive a regular tray setup and regular foods except as specified below. When the food carts are returned to the dish room following a meal, all soiled trays are handled with gloves. Universal Precautions will be followed.

#### Protective Isolation

- Protective isolation patients are to receive regular tray set-up unless otherwise denoted.
- Host will wash hands prior to entering the patient room and follow all isolation precaution guidelines, including proper use of personal protective equipment.
- Nursing staff will return soiled tray to the collection site.
- Patients with Airborne/Droplet Plus precautions will receive an entirely disposable tray set-up.

## All Plastic/No Knife

- All dishes/mugs and flatware will be disposable. No cans or glasses will be used. The only nondisposable item sent will be the tray unless the nursing unit notifies dietary to provide disposable trays.
- Menus will be stamped "All Plastics-No Knife"
- The term "Suicide Precautions" will not be noted on the menu to protect patient confidentiality.

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