



## **Nursing Service Guidelines General Nursing Guideline**

**Title:** **BRONCHOSCOPY (EMERGENT AND NON-EMERGENT)**

**Responsibility:** Registered Nurse

**Purpose of Guidelines:** The purpose of this guideline is to ensure the appropriate location of those patients requiring a bronchoscopy.

**Procedure:**

1. A negative airflow room is required for all patients in airborne precautions.  
Refer to the following policy:  
Infection Control Precautions, Policy number 3364-109-ISO-404  
Tuberculosis Exposure Control Plan
2. For all Bronchoscopies (emergent and non-emergent) a negative airflow room is preferred.
3. Non emergent bronchoscopies are to be performed in the following locations in order of preference:
  - a. Endoscopy Suite (any ICU patient going to endoscopy will require an ICU nurse to travel and to remain with the patient throughout the procedure)
  - b. Negative Airflow Room
4. N-95 mask or PAPR will be worn by all staff members in attendance for any procedures that are to rule out TB or any other pulmonary infection. A surgical mask may be worn by all staff for any other procedures.

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