**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.

**Purpose of Policy**

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

**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 non-disposable 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.