



## **Nursing Service Guideline**

### **Inpatient Behavioral Health**

**TITLE:**                    **MANAGEMENT OF PRECAUTIONS PATIENTS IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

**Responsibility:**        Behavioral Health staff

**Purpose:**                    To protect patients and staff from the transmission of disease while caring  
For a patient in precautions.

**Procedure:**

1. All patients with an Indication for Precautions will be placed into a single room and have the appropriate sign displayed.
2. Staff will follow the Infection Control Precautions policy when Precautions is indicated which can be found here:  
[https://www.utoledo.edu/policies/utmc/infection\\_control/pdfs/3364-109-ISO-404.pdf](https://www.utoledo.edu/policies/utmc/infection_control/pdfs/3364-109-ISO-404.pdf)
3. Patients that require Airborne Precautions cannot be housed on Behavioral Health units.
4. Patients may leave their room and attend group sessions and participate in the milieu under the following conditions:
  - a. they are continent of stool and urine
  - b. wounds are covered
  - c. have clean hands
  - d. have clean clothes
5. Upon completion of the group activities, any seating used by a precautions patient will be cleaned with disinfectant wipes.

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