

Name of Policy: Body Piercings, Subdermal/Transdermal/Microdermal Implants, Skin Divers			
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	New policy proposal		Minor/technical revision of existing policy
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(A) Policy statement

All patients will be free of items that could potentially be used in impulsive, unsafe behaviors.

(B) Purpose of policy

To ensure the safety of all patients and staff by securing potentially dangerous objects.

(C) Procedure

(1) Staff will assess each patient on admission for body piercings. Staff will note obvious piercings (ear, nose, eyebrow, tongue, lip, etc.) and will ask both patient and patient’s guardian if there are any additional piercings which are covered by clothing and not obviously visible.

(2) Staff will inform patient that jewelry, including body piercings of any kind, is not permitted.

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<p><u>/s/</u> Tanvir Singh, MD Medical Director</p> <p><u>April 1, 2023</u> Date</p> <p><i>Review/Revision Completed by: Tamara Cerrone, RN, BSN</i></p>	
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