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Infection control standards will be practiced in order to minimize risk of disease transmission from patients with infectious/contagious diseases.

PROCEDURES

1. Patients with known or suspected communicable diseases/conditions will call in advance to schedule an appointment. They will be advised to go directly to the receptionist's window upon arrival at the office.
2. The receptionist will immediately notify the medical assistant or nurse of the patient's arrival and request that the patient remain at the receptionist's window until the medical assistant or nurse arrives to escort him/her to the exam room.
3. Ideally, an alternate entrance that would facilitate direct placement into the designated exam room is preferred.
4. Masks covering both the nose and mouth will be worn by all personnel having close contact with the patient. Masks may be worn only once and should be discarded before leaving the room. Gloves and gown are not indicated.
5. Thorough hand washing is to be done upon entering and leaving the room. Discard all disposable waste materials which have or may have come in contact with the patient in the trash container designated for infectious waste.
6. Re-usable instruments/materials should be bagged and labeled before being sent to the "dirty" utility area for decontamination.

Diseases requiring isolation:

- Epiglottis, Hemophilus Influenza
- Measles, Rubeola
- Meningitis – H Flu
- Meningococcal Pneumonia
- Meningococccemia
- Mumps
- Pertussis (Whooping Cough)
- Hemophilus Influenza Pneumonia (in children any age)
- Scabies
- MRSA

7. Once patient leaves the exam room, Nursing Supervisor will disinfect it and room will not be used for the next 20 minutes.

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8. There will be a "Do Not Use" sign posted on the exam room door.