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| Johns Hopkins Safety Manual | <i>Policy Number</i> | HSE 008 - B |
| <i>Subject:</i> Addendum B: Respiratory Protection Devices for Staff Providing Care for patients on Airborne Precautions and Close Proximity to Patients on Droplet Precautions | <i>Review Date</i> | 9/28/11 |
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POLICY

The Johns Hopkins Hospital provides Respiratory Protection Devices for use by staff, which has care responsibilities for patients on airborne precautions or is in close proximity to patients on droplet precautions for the protection of all staff, prevention of disease transmission, and to comply with external regulatory agency requirements. Staff who must work in these defined areas are required to wear respiratory protection. Staff who do not work in these defined areas are NOT required to wear respiratory protection.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Office of Occupational Health

Ensure that all hospital staff have been appropriately screened to use the respiratory protection devices (i.e., determine the medical fitness of staff to use the devices via the modified screening tool).

Maintain records on all employees of the medical screening and make available to supervisors/managers as requested.

Provide results of the medical screening of all hospital staff to the Department of Health, Safety, and Environment (HSE).

Maintain records on all employees of medical screening.”

Make available to supervisors managers information on whether or not the individual is able to wear a respirator use. Confidential medical information will not be released to supervisors.

Department of Health Safety and Environment (HSE)

Evaluate the respirators to be used within the institution.

Provide training and fit testing for staff who must work in the above defined areas

Provide fit testing training for departments who request to fit test their own staff

Maintain documentation of all fit testing

REFERENCES

References

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3. Isolation Precautions, <http://www.insidehopkinsmedicine.org/icpm/ifc023isolation.pdf>
4. SARS policy, <http://www.hopkins-heic.org/pdf/InPtProtocol.pdf>
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