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*If applicable

POLICY:

General Admission

A patient may be admitted to Astria Toppenish Hospital only by a member of the Medical Staff with admitting privileges. Patient placement within the hospital is based upon and guided by established admission criteria of medical diagnosis, severity of illness, patient's special needs, available nursing staff and level of nursing care required. The departments of Patient Care Services are open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year unless otherwise specified in the unit specific structure standards.

Emergency Admission

An emergency admission is defined as a condition in which the life of the patient is in immediate danger, and in which any delay in administering treatment would increase the danger. Patients admitted on an emergency basis that do not have a private practitioner will be assigned an admitting physician under the Emergency Department's policy for physician on call.

Admission of Patient with a Contagious Condition

To keep exposure to a minimum, Astria Toppenish Hospital shall not admit patients suffering from chickenpox, rubella (German measles), Rubeola (measles), mumps, or smallpox unless a complication or other condition requires hospitalization.

Refer to the Infection Control Isolation Precautions policy for:

- Care of patients with contagious conditions.
- A list of negative airflow rooms
- Additional information on patient placement.

REFERENCES:

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