

FISHER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Administration: Pulmonary Rehab P & P	Policy # 044 -
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SECTION 1: Purpose

1.1 To establish guidelines for the use of an EKG monitoring system during the Pulmonary Rehabilitation program.

1.2 To establish guidelines for proper participant attachment to the monitoring system.

SECTION 2: Policy

2.1 All participants entering the Pulmonary Rehabilitation program will be continually monitored via EKG for all 24 exercise sessions.

2.2 The lead to be monitored will be Lead II and the type of monitoring system utilized will be up to the discretion of the Program Director.

SECTION 3: Procedure

3.1 The Professional staff member will be responsible for attaching the telemetry monitoring system to the participant before each exercise session.

3.2 Equipment needed:

- A. EKG system
- B. Pre-gelled, disposable electrodes
- C. Razor (if needed)
- D. Alcohol prep pads

3.3 General information:

- A. Avoid skeletal muscle by using hollow of the clavicle and the lower sides of the thoracic cage.
- B. Removal of skin oils and hair is imperative to conduction.
- C. Always check the pre-gelled disposable electrodes after opening for sufficient conduction gel. Loss of gel will cause baseline instability and motion artifact.

3.4 Method:

- A. Choose and shave sites selected for electrode placement (if needed).
- B. Prepare areas by rubbing with an alcohol prep pad and drying with gauze pad. Make sure that the skin has been abraded slightly for proper conduction.
- C. Apply pre-gelled electrodes to the prepared sites taking care not to touch the gel or adhesive. Press around electrode firmly to ensure attachment.
- D. After preparing monitor box with battery, connect lead wires to electrodes.

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E. Examine ECG recording and adjust electrodes, wires, or monitor box for best recording.

3.5 Documentation:

- A. Record ECG rhythm strip from each participant before each session.
- B. Label strip with participant's name, date, rate, and lead selection (lead **II**) and place in the proper place on the activity sheet.
- C. All ECGs completed and telemetry strips obtained during Pulmonary Rehab shall be documented and maintained within the patient's electronic health record (EHR) to ensure complete and accurate medical record keeping.

3.6 Abnormal Findings:

- D. Any abnormal ECG or telemetry findings shall be promptly reported to the appropriate provider. Documentation within the EHR must include the abnormal finding, the provider notified, the date and time of notification, and any instructions or interventions received.
- E. An FCHD Incident Report shall also be completed for abnormal findings requiring incident reporting in accordance with FCHD policy. The incident shall be included in the monthly Pulmonary Rehab Quality Assurance (QA) report for tracking, review, and identification of potential trends or opportunities for improvement.