

## Measures for the Administration of Pre-examination and Separation of Patients with Infectious Diseases by Medical Institutions

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The Measures for the Administration of Pre-examination and Separation of Patients with Infectious Diseases by Medical Institutions, which were adopted through discussion at the executive meeting of the Ministry of Health on December 16, 2004, are hereby promulgated, and shall come into force as of the date of promulgation.

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**Article 1** With a view to regulating the work of medical institutions for their pre-examination and separation of patients with infectious diseases, effectively controlling the epidemic situation of infectious diseases, preventing cross infection within a medical institution, and safeguarding the physical health and life security of the mass people, the present Measures are formulated in accordance with the provisions of [Article 52 of the Law of the People's Republic of China on the Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases](#).

**Article 2** A medical institution shall set up the system for pre-examination and separation of patients with infectious diseases.

The hospitals of Grade Two or above shall set up departments of infectious disease to be responsible for the concrete work of separating patients with infectious diseases of their own medical institutions, and shall make organization and management on the work for pre-examination and separation of patients with infectious diseases of their own medical institutions.

A medical institution that has not set up the department of infectious disease shall set up a division for separating patients with infectious diseases.

The department of infectious disease and the division for separating patients with infectious diseases shall have clear mark, be relatively independent, be in good ventilation conditions, and have reasonable flow, as well as have isolation conditions for disinfection and necessary protective equipment.

**Article 3** The physicians in each section office of a medical institution shall, during meeting any patient, inquire of the patient about his/her relevant history of epidemiology or occupation history, and make pre-examination on infectious disease of the patient who comes for examination in combination with the chief complaint of the patient, disease history, symptoms and the body characteristics of the patient.

If a patient is confirmed as the patient with infectious disease or with suspected infectious disease, he/she shall be separated to the department of infectious disease or the division for separating patients for treatment, meanwhile, necessary disinfection measures shall be taken on the office for meeting the patients.

**Article 4** A medical institution shall do well the work for pre-examination and separation of patients with special infectious diseases in light of the epidemic seasons, cycle and epidemic trend of infectious diseases.

A medical institution shall, after receiving the early warning information on a special infectious disease announced by the Ministry of Health and the people's government of a province, autonomous region or municipality directly under the Central Government, or in light of the requirements of the local administrative department of health, strengthen the work for pre-examination and separation of patients with special infectious disease. It may also set up a relatively independent pre-examination office on special infectious diseases, if necessary, so as to direct the patients to have examination and diagnosis at the pre-examination office first. After the patients are excluded from the special infectious disease preliminarily, they may come to the corresponding common section office for examination.

**Article 5** For patients with special respiratory infectious disease or with suspected respiratory infectious disease, a medical institution shall take measures for isolation or controlling its spread according to law, and shall make medical observance and take other necessary prevention and control measures on the companions of the patients and other personnel who have close contact with the patients as required.

**Article 6** If a medical institution does not have the ability for curing an infectious disease, it shall transfer the patients to the medical institution that has the ability to cure the disease for diagnosis and treatment in a timely manner, and transfer the photocopies of the materials of the medical records to

the corresponding medical institution.

**Article 7** When a medical institution transfers any patient with infectious disease or suspected infectious disease for examination, it shall use a special vehicle in light of the provisions of the local administrative department of health.

**Article 8** The department of infectious disease and the section office for separation of patients shall take standard protection measures, and sterilize strictly in accordance with the regulations, and dispose of the medical waste in accordance with the provisions of [the Regulation on the Administration of Medical Wastes](#).

**Article 9** A medical institution shall conduct training of knowledge for prevention and control of infectious diseases on medical workers periodically. The training shall include the laws and regulations on the prevention and control of infectious diseases, and the epidemic trends of the infectious diseases, diagnosis, treatment, prevention thereof and the prevention and disposal of occupation exposure, and other contents.

The medical personnel who undertake the pre-examination and separation of patients with infectious diseases shall strictly observe the laws and regulations on health administration and the relevant provisions, and earnestly enforce the operating rules, routine regulations on clinical technology and the relevant working systems.

**Article 10** The administrative department of health at all levels shall strengthen supervision and administration on the work for pre-examination and separation of patients by medical institutions and make investigation and punishment according to law on any violation of [the Law of the People's Republic of China on Prevention of Infectious Diseases](#) and the relevant laws, regulations and the present Measures.

**Article 11** The present Measures shall be implemented as of the date of promulgation.

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