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## Testing Patients in Respiratory Isolation

<b>Audience</b>	All personnel in the Pulmonary Function Clinic.
<b>Purpose</b>	To describe the procedure to follow when a request is made for pulmonary function studies for a patient in Acid-Fast Bacillus (AFB) Isolation.
<b>Policy</b>	The Pulmonary Function Clinic is not designed to protect non-isolation patients from those in AFB or "Airborne" Isolation. At any given time there may be several non-isolation patients in the Pulmonary Function Clinic that are being tested.
<b>Procedure</b>	After confirming that the patient is in AFB Isolation, the therapist will contact the requesting physician to notify him/her of the Pulmonary Function Clinic's policy and any contraindications. The therapist may also consult rotating Pulmonary Fellow or Medical Director if any concerns or questions arise regarding testing the patient. Therapist will offer to perform spirometry at the patient's bedside. If done at the bedside, the pneumotach, mouthpiece, and filter will be disposed of in the bedside trashcan. The portable spirometer will be wiped down with Cavicide or germicidal wipe before leaving the patient's room, and again once outside the room. If testing is unable to be done at the patient's bedside, the patient will not be able to be tested until he/she is out of isolation.

**This form documents the approval and history of the policies and procedures for the Pulmonary Function Laboratory. The Medical Director signs all policies verifying initial approval. Annually thereafter, the Director and/or designee may approve reviews and revisions.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Approved by:</b>	<b>Signature</b>
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