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SUBJECT: WORK INSTRUCTIONAL MANUAL FOR BLOOD PRESSURE

1.0 PURPOSE

This QWI documents the procedure for monitoring the blood pressure of the patient to establish a consistent method.

2.0 DEFINITIONS AND ACRONYMS

- 1. **Online Portal.** It refers to the online portal used by clients to access and view their PEME information.
- 2. **iNet.** It refers to the Halcyon web service used to input, process and output PEME and patient's data.
- 3. <u>Heart rate (HR).</u> It is the speed of the heartbeat measured by the number of contractions of the heart per minute
- 4. <u>Pulse rate (PR)</u>. In medicine, a pulse represents the tactile arterial palpation of the heartbeat by trained fingertips
- 5. **Blood pressure (BP)** is a measure of the force that the heart uses to pump blood around the body
- 6. **Physical Stress Test (PST)** it is an exercise stress test used to determine how well your heart responds during times when it is working its hardest while blood pressure and heart rate is monitored after exercise
- 7. **General Manager for Operations (GMO)** approving authority in the change of the procedure for BP monitoring and physical stress

3.0 TOOLS AND MATERIALS NEEDED

- 1. Blood pressure Apparatus digital
- 2. Stethoscope
- 3. Logbook

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4.0 PROCEDURE FOR RECEIVING AND PROCESSING OF PATIENT'S BPM AND PHYSICAL STRESS TEST RESULT

- 1. Login at HMHS online portal, type the username and password.
- 2. Click follow up module.
- 3. Receive the patient and Follow up form to verify his/her identity.
- 4. The patient should be well rested and has emptied his/her bladder.
- 5. Instruct the patient to take off his belongings and to sit comfortably on the chair.
- 6. In the iNet (Follow up module), enter the patient's PEME ID and check for the following PEME status of the patient:
 - 6.1. Doctor's recommendation for blood pressure monitoring
 - 6.2. Doctor's recommendation for physical stress test
 - 6.3. Doctor's recommendation for repeat HR/PR determination
 - 6.4. Doctor's recommendation for HR/PR monitoring.
- 7. Secure a patient's BP/PST waiver for blood pressure monitoring and record medication for hypertension if there is any.
- 8. Instruct the patient to raise his/her arm at the level of the heart.
- 9. Get the patient's blood pressure three (3) consecutive times in the 30-minute interval.
- 10. This process should be done on both right and left arms. Advise the patient to come back every thirty minutes to complete the test.
- 11. Record the results in the form and log book.
- 12. Encode the results in the patient's database.
- 13. Perform other tasks as support for ECG unit.
 - 13.1. Submission of printed ECG tracing to the ECG Specialist for interpretation.
 - 13.2. Assist in the encoding of results on ECG database.

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5.0 RECEIVING AND PROCESSING OF PATIENT'S WITH LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION (LOA)

- 1. The unit receives LOA from the office of GMO via email and/or group chat. The unit shall take note the date of testing of the SSMA patient since it is treated as "RUSH".
- 2. On the date of testing, official results generated from testing units such as Audiometry, ECG, Spirometry, and Treadmill are sent to the BPM unit for printing.
- 3. Prior printing of the Official results, the following verifications should be done:
 - 3.1. ECG official test result should have Specialist/Cardiologist's signature.
 - 3.2. Treadmill official test result should have Specialist/Cardiologist's signature on the first page.
 - 3.3. Audiometry and Spirometry Test results should bear the signatures from Nurse on duty.
- 4. Convert all official results in PDF file and send to SSMA, copy furnished to the GMO.

6.0 PROCEDURE FOR QUALITY CONTROL OF TEST RESULTS

- 1. Before facilitation, always check proper identification of patient through his/her valid ID. After verification, the patient may proceed with the test.
- 2. Interview the patient and ask the following:
 - 2.1. If he/ she was diagnosed with hypertension,
 - 2.2. Copy of the prescription of medicine,
 - 2.3. Actual medicine
- 3. If the patient cannot provide any of the items that was mentioned in number 2, check the patient's PEME history in the iNet (Follow up module) and verify.
- 4. Ensure that the encoded results in the patient's database are correct or accurate before saving.

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- 5. Ensure that patient's name and the test results are recorded on the patient's logbook for back up.
- 6. For quality control of test results, the TET NURSE will counter check the encoded results of BP monitoring.

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