



## CLINICAL POLICY

### Provision of Services in Isolated Areas

**A. EFFECTIVE DATE :**

April 7, 2021

**B. PURPOSE :**

To ensure that all Rehabilitation Services are provided safely to all patients.

**C. POLICY :**

In order to assure maximum safety when providing rehabilitation services in isolated areas of the UConn Health/John Dempsey Hospital:

1. Patients requiring functional mobility training that may occur in an isolated area will be treated in the presence of the therapist and an additional health care provider.
2. The second healthcare provider can be a staff member from the Department of Rehabilitation Services or the Department of Nursing.

**D. SCOPE :**

This applies to both inpatient and outpatient units of the Department of Rehabilitation Services

**E. DEFINITIONS :**

Examples of isolated areas where treatment can be given include but are not limited to stairwells, hallways, sidewalks and curbs.

**F. MATERIAL(S) NEEDED :**

None

**G. PROCEDURE :**

Department of Rehabilitation Services employees will adhere to the above policy in order to ensure patient safety.

**H. ATTACHMENTS :**

None

**I. REFERENCES :**

None

**J. SEARCH WORDS :**

Isolated area, safety, functional mobility training

**K. ENFORCEMENT:**

Violations of this policy or associated procedures may result in appropriate disciplinary measures in accordance with University By-Laws, General Rules of Conduct for All University Employees, applicable collective bargaining agreements, the University of Connecticut Student Code, other applicable University Policies, or as outlined in any procedures document related to this policy.

**L. STAKEHOLDER APPROVALS :**

On File

**M. COMMITTEE APPROVALS :**

None

**N. FINAL APPROVAL :**

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