

VARICELLA (Shingles) EXPOSURE DECISION TREE

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CHICKEN POX



PRE-VISIT WORKFLOW

- Nursing staff review clinic schedule to:
- identify patients with new reported fever and rash.
 - Identify immunocompromised patients

At the morning huddle, staff review schedule and note new fever/rash or immunocompromised status

Mask patients with Flu-like symptoms (cough and fever) without a rash and place in Droplet Precautions. (See Influenza Protocol)

CLINICAL VISIT WORKFLOW

Patient arrives in clinic

Front desk confirms fever and rash

Front desk directs patient to apply mask over nose and mouth and flags arrived patient in APeX for priority rooming

Patient roomed, airborne precautions sign placed on the door and patient informed to keep mask on at all times.

PROVIDER ASSESSMENT

Localized Varicella suspected in an immunocompetent patient

Not Varicella or chicken pox

Localized Varicella suspected in an immunocompromised patient

Suspected disseminated rash of Varicella

NO SPECIAL ACTION
MASK NO LONGER REQUIRED
STANDARD ROOM CLEANING

AIRBORNE PRECAUTIONS:
Keep patient masked though the entire appointment

ONCE PATIENT HAS VACATED THE ROOM:

1. If the patient was not masked during the visit, **Keep door closed** for 60 minutes to allow for adequate air exchange
2. Clean room using standard protocols after it is left empty, or cleaner must wear a N95 respirator or PAPR.