

# RESPIRATORY SYNCYTIAL VIRUS (RSV) ONCOLOGY CONTROL PLAN

**Stage 2:** Effective when five hospitalized patients from the local community with confirmed RSV infection have been identified

<b>Stage 2 Procedures</b>	
NPA Specimens for Viral Culture and Antigen Detection	The test is indicated for any adult oncology patient (pt) with increasing oxygen requirement, sputum production or flu-like symptoms. Flu-like symptoms include fever, runny nose, cough and body aches.
Droplet Precautions	Are indicated for any adult oncology patient (pt) with increasing oxygen requirement, sputum production or flu-like symptoms. Flu-like symptoms include fever, runny nose, cough and body aches
Duration of Precautions for Suspected Cases	If the patient's RSV antigen test is negative and the RSV culture is negative at 5 days, Droplet Precautions may be discontinued.
Duration of Precautions for Confirmed Cases	Precautions may be discontinued only after 2 consecutive negative RSV antigen tests, obtained one week apart AND AFTER CONSULTATION WITH INFECTIOUS DISEASES.
Placement of Patients	Private room. Contact Hospital Epidemiology & Infection Control for assistance with placement issues
Visitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visitors with flu like symptoms may not visit.</li> <li>• Children under 12 are not allowed to visit.</li> <li>• Exceptions to the above will be granted only with permission from the attending physician and nurse manger.</li> </ul>
Staff Guidelines	<p>In addition to precautions in Stage One, when stage two goes into effect ALL STAFF &amp; VISITORS shall wear masks and practice meticulous hand hygiene regardless of symptoms when entering ALL patient rooms.</p> <p>When performing care for patients who are know/suspected to have RSV, mask (preferably with visor) will be worn to enter the room; gloves and a gown will be worn if touching the patient's infectious secretions.</p>

Stage 2 will be in effect until 10 days have passed without admission of a community-acquired RSV case and without evidence of further nosocomial transmission.