



*Ambulatory Clinic Policy and Procedure*

Title: <b>CARE OF IMMUNO-COMPROMISED PATIENTS</b>	Policy Number: <b>EP 7.5</b>
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**Policy Statement:**

- Immuno-compromised patients (i.e., cancer, HIV/AIDS, and extensive skin conditions, such as severe burns or dermatitis) will be cared for using precautions that are no different from good patient care techniques.
- All personnel must frequently and appropriately utilize hand hygiene techniques before, during, and after patient contact.
- Immuno-compromised patients will be kept separate from patients who are infected or have conditions that make infection transmission likely, and the procedures below will be followed to further minimize the risk of infection.

**Scope and Distribution:**

This policy applies and will be distributed to all Texas Tech Physicians of El Paso clinics.

**Procedure:**

All ambulatory clinics will develop & follow a procedure for separation of immuno-compromised patients from other patients. This may include but is not limited to:

- A. Make every effort to accommodate a patient who self-reports to the front desk staff that they are immune-compromised.
- B. Placing immunocompromised patients in an exam room or designated waiting area upon arrival which provides separation from the general patient population and visitors.
- C. Personnel who are ill will not be assigned to care for these patients.

**References**

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