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	<b>Secure Care System</b>		

**POLICY:**

The Secure Care System is an electronic monitoring system for residents who may tend to wander from the safety of our building. It will allow us to care for residents that are an elopement risk while maintaining their freedom of mobility in a less restrictive environment.

**PROCEDURE:**

1. Place the band around the resident's ankle, keeping two fingers between the band and the ankle to allow room for possible swelling. If ankle placement is contraindicated, band may be placed on wrist, wheelchair, or walker.
2. To ensure proper operation of the transmitter, it must be in an **upright** or **UP** (Vertical) position on the ankle.
3. Place the Snap Post through the nearest hole.
4. Fold the Snap Receptacle down to accept the Snap Post and press the two together firmly until it snaps securely.
5. Cut off excess material.
6. **DO NOT** soak the transmitter in alcohol or alcohol based products. It may be washed with a mild disinfectant or soap and water.
7. In the event the transmitter strap becomes soiled, discolored or torn, replace the strap with a new one found at Nursing Supervisor work station.
8. The ankle transmitter is water tight and remains on the resident during whirlpools, bathing, medical testing, etc.
9. Proper care should be given to the skin area around the ankle transmitter. Apply lotion as needed.

10. The transmitter will be checked for placement every shift by the CNA caring for the resident and recorded on the ADL.
11. The transmitter will be tested daily by the A-Wing evening nurse and documented on the Daily Transmitter Testing Log (Attachment #1) for each resident on a clip board which is kept with the transmitter tester at the A-Wing Nurses Station.
12. The secured doors will automatically lock when a resident wearing a secure care band gets within four feet of the door. The alarm should not sound. If the door was open and a resident with a band walks through the door, the alarm will sound.
13. The alarm can only be silenced at the door that alarmed by pushing \*234 or use of the general key. Return the resident and silence the alarm.
14. If you are entering or exiting with a resident that has a band, use your general key to open the door. The alarm should not sound.