



Policy Title :

**TRANSPORTING PATIENTS ON ISOLATION PRECAUTIONS**

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**1. Policy:**

- 01.1. Transport of isolated patients should be limited to essential purposes only, such as diagnostic and therapeutic procedures that cannot be performed in the patient's room.
- 01.2. When patient transport is necessary, appropriate barriers (e.g., masks, leak-proof dressing) should be worn to reduce potential contamination of the environment and the spread of infection.
- 01.3. Refer to ICD-013 Isolation technique for specific isolation precautions.
- 01.4. All staff must observe Standard Precautions at all times with a multi-drug-resistant organism (MDRO) case in addition to standard precaution.

**2. Definition and Comments:**

- 02.1. Transporting patients colonized or infected within facility or between facilities within a country or between countries allow risks for spreading MDROs.
- 02.2. MDROs, including Vancomycin Resistant Enterococcus (VRE) and Clostridium difficile, are pathogens resistant to more than one antimicrobial agent from at least three different classes.

**3. Purpose :**

- 03.1. To provide clear guidelines to safely transporting isolated patients within the facility while preventing or minimizing infection transmission.

**4. Procedures :**

**04.1. Ward**

- 04.1.1. Notify the receiving department to which the patient is being transported of the isolation precautions in effect and post the isolation card on the chair / bed.
- 04.1.2. Instruct the patient on the ways that he/she can assist in maintaining appropriate precautions to prevent transmission of the infection.
- 04.1.3. Healthcare workers transporting patients who are in isolation are not required to wear PPE unless there is a risk of exposure to blood and body fluids. Put the isolation card on the chair / bed of transportation.

- 04.1.4. Isolation instructions must highlight the transmission-based precaution card ( isolation signs) needed while transporting patients under transmission-based precautions to other department (e.g radiology).
  - 04.1.5. Dress wounds with impervious dressings as required.
  - 04.1.6. Dress the patient in a clean gown.
  - 04.1.7. For patients with skin lesions associated with varicella or smallpox or with draining lesions caused by *Mycobacterium Tuberculosis* (MTB), cover the affected areas to prevent aerosolization and to avoid contact with the infectious agent.
  - 04.1.8. Explain to the patient the need for the protective apparel that he/she is required to wear.
    - a. Put a surgical mask on any patient who is in airborne isolation.
  - 04.1.9. Cover the wheelchair/stretchers with a sheet before moving the patient.
  - 04.1.10. Cover the patient with a clean sheet.
  - 04.1.11. Transport the patient to the area as required.
  - 04.1.12. Return the patient to the isolation room as soon as circumstances allow.
  - 04.1.13. Clean and disinfect the wheelchair or stretchers with the hospital-approved disinfectant.
- 04.2. Receiving Department**
- 04.2.1. Use appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) when managing the patient.
  - 04.2.2. Observe the specified isolation techniques. Adhere to the Hand Hygiene policy.
  - 04.2.3. Arrange for the patient's return to his/her ward as soon as possible.
  - 04.2.4. Change linens and clean equipment and environmental surfaces as indicated before receiving the next patient.
- 04.3. Transferring the Patient to Another Facility**
- 04.3.1. Inform the receiving facility and the emergency vehicle personnel in advance about the type of isolation and standard precautions (PPE) required.
  - 04.3.2. Provide complete information on the infectious status of the patient to the receiving facility.
  - 04.3.3. Inform receiving hospital and document the presence of a MDRO and specify whether it is a colonization or an infection

## 5. Responsibilities :

- 5.1. Infection Control Department
- 5.2. Staff Nurses
- 5.3. Treating Doctors
- 5.4. Ambulance staff

## 6. Equipment & Forms

- 06.1. PPE
- 06.2. isolation cards




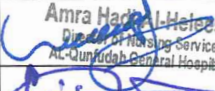
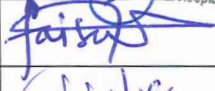
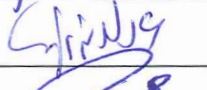

## 7. Attachment :

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