

## **TRANSPORTING OF PATIENT WITH UNDER COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS**

### **1. POLICY**

a. To standardize the transportation of patients who are under COVID precautions the guidelines listed in the policy shall be followed.

### **2. SKILL LEVEL**

a. None

### **3. PROCEDURE**

a. Prior to moving the patient; the following tasks must be accomplished:

- (1) The patient's current team will make contact with the receiving area/unit charge nurse or designee
- (2) Ensure the patient is wearing a facemask to contain secretions, if not intubated.
- (3) Ensure the patient is draped with a clean bed sheet.

b. If possible, keep the patient connected to the ventilator, and minimize the amount of times the closed circuit is opened.

c. If patient must be disconnected from the ventilator and manually ventilated, do so with the HEPA filter attached to the ambu-bag. Place the ventilator on standby, clamp the ET tube, disconnect the ventilator, place the ambu-bag with the HEPA filter on the ET tube and unclamp the ET tube. Manually ventilate the patient until the destination is reached. Once arrived at the destination, clamp the endotracheal tube, disconnect the ambu bag, and place the ventilator back on the ET tube. Ensure the HEPA filter on the ventilator is securely connected.

d. Receiving and Transport Healthcare personnel shall wear all recommended PPE:

- (1) Gloves
- (2) Gown
- (3) Respiratory protection (CAPR)

e. One person of the transport team will accompany the transport team in order to interact with the environment. This team member will be responsible for retrieving elevator and walk 8-10 feet ahead of the patient. This team member will assist in clearing hallways to ensure safe transporting of the patient.

f. At this time, the front patient transport elevators in the SE Tower should be used to transport between the floors.

g. Patients being received to a nursing unit (i.e. 8SE, MICU, or other nursing unit) will be paged over call bell system indicating “Transport Alert, Bed #. This will alert staff of the anticipated arrival of the patient to the designated area. Charge nurse and other healthcare personnel are to ensure that hallways are clear of patients and visitors. Repeat this procedure when patient is leaving a nursing unit when required.

h. Once patient has arrived to designated nursing unit and is placed into the room, a page over call bell system indicating “Transport Alert Clear” will alert staff the transport is complete.

#### 4. STANDARD OF PRACTICE

#### 5. AUTHORITY

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