

Site Applicability:

All BCCH Inpatient Unites, All Outpatient Units & BCW NICU

Date: Effective April 14, 2020

<p>What's New?</p>	<p><u>Patient transports</u> will be completed by nurses and other health care providers.</p>
<p>Why?</p>	<p>Changing the porter role to exclude patient transports is an important PPE preservation strategy. This limits the number of staff members entering the patient environment. This change aligns with the Ministry of Health <u>COVID-19 Emergency Prioritization in a Pandemic Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Allocation Framework</u>.</p>
<p>How does this affect my practice?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nurses and other health care providers involved in direct patient care, who are already donning PPE, will perform all patient transports. This includes transport of BCCH Emergency Department patients to and from medical imaging, all inter-department patient transports, and transports to ambulatory clinics or services. Nurse led patient transports include cleaning and returning transport equipment back to the sending location. • Medical Imaging Porters will continue to transport pediatric patients to and from medical imaging during day time business hours. Medical imaging will continue to coordinate the patient transports. • All Staff will continue to enter all “item” transport requests in TransportTracking • Porters will continue to transport specimens, equipment, blood products, and other ‘items’. Porters will continue to transport deceased patients and stillborn infants to the morgue. • Porter Coordinators will contact the unit with a reminder a porter will not be dispatched if a transport request is submitted in TransportTracking.
<p>Who do I contact for further information?</p>	<p>Contact your leader, unit educator or manager</p>