



## All Clinical Department/Program(s)

### Patient Transport

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<b>What's New?</b>	As part of the thoughtful restoration of services on site, porters will resume support to patient transports with specific requirements for patients on Additional Precautions to ensure ongoing extended use and preservation of PPE. Roles and processes for porters, nurses and other healthcare providers are carefully defined.
<b>Why?</b>	<p>Patient care services are being restored to more typical volumes with increasing surgical volumes, inpatient admissions, emergency department visits, and diagnostic services. Additional resources supporting patient transport are required.</p> <p>PPE allocation and supply continues to be monitored closely to align with the Ministry of Health <a href="#">COVID-19 Emergency Prioritization in a Pandemic Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Allocation Framework</a>.</p>
<b>How does this affect my practice?</b>	<p>Review the updated <a href="#">Patient Transport Procedure</a> to ensure understanding of all requirements in particular those for patients on Additional Precautions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A porter</b> can be requested through TransportTracking to support patient transports.</li> <li>• <b>Communication</b> of a patient's status and need for Additional Precautions remains essential information to protect patients and staff. Communication to confirm roles in transport is required.</li> <li>• <b>Porter role in transports is defined.</b> Porters are available for patient transfer/transport duties for patients with <b>no</b> Additional Precautions. Porters are available as the designated 'Clean' role for patients on Droplet &amp; Contact, Contact or Contact Plus Precautions.</li> <li>• Nurses or other appropriate HCP will provide all patient transfer/transport duties for patients on <b>Airborne Precautions</b>.</li> <li>• Porters will wear the appropriate PPE for patient transports, following the extended use and PPE allocation framework requirements as outlined in the <a href="#">COVID-19: PPE Use – Application of PPE Emergency Prioritization Policy</a>.</li> </ul>
<b>How do I find out more?</b>	<p>Contact your unit/area leadership team.</p> <p>See the front page of ePOPS for COVID-19 Resources and check regularly for updates and added resources. For access to all Policy &amp; Procedure documents search <a href="#">ePOPS</a></p>
<b>Who do I contact for further information?</b>	<p>Contact your unit leader or educator for additional information.</p> <p>TransportTracking quick reference guides can be found <a href="#">here</a> or by searching TransportTracking on POD.</p>