



All Clinical Department/Program(s)

Patient Transport Procedure

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<p>What's New?</p>	<p>In the ongoing thoughtful restoration of services on site, the Patient Transport Procedure has been updated.</p> <p>Porters will resume support to patient transports with all patients except those on Airborne Precautions. Specific requirements for all healthcare provider and porters continue to exist to ensure ongoing extended use and preservation of PPE. Roles and processes for porters, nurses and other healthcare providers are defined in the Patient Transport Procedure.</p>
<p>Why?</p>	<p>As 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 COVID-19 Emergency Prioritization in a Pandemic Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Allocation Framework.</p>
<p>How does this affect my practice?</p>	<p>Review the updated Patient Transport Procedure to ensure understanding of all requirements in particular those for patients on Additional Precautions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A porter can be requested through TransportTracking to support patient transports. • Communication 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. • Porter role in transports is defined. Porters are available for patient transfer/transport duties for patients with no Additional Precautions and those on Droplet & Contact, Contact or Contact Plus Precautions. • Nurses or other appropriate HCP will provide all patient transfer/transport duties for patients on Airborne Precautions. • All nurses, HCPs and porters will wear the appropriate PPE for patient transports, following the extended use and PPE allocation framework requirements as outlined in the COVID-19: PPE Use – Application of PPE Emergency Prioritization Policy.
<p>How do I find out more?</p>	<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 & Procedure documents search ePOPS</p>
<p>Who do I contact for further information?</p>	<p>Contact your unit leader or educator for additional information.</p> <p>TransportTracking quick reference guides can be found here or by searching TransportTracking on POD.</p>