

CALHN Infection Prevention and Control Unit

Intra – hospital Transport Requirements for Patients with Suspected, Probable or Confirmed COVID-19 or in Quarantine







CALHN OWIs are regularly updated; ensure you have the latest version of CALHN COVID-19 OWI5409. Other resources can be accessed via the CALHN COVID-19 Portal internet page.

Risk assess prior to transport:

- Route to be taken
- Minimise the number of lifts
- Minimise the time spent in public areas
- Avoid transport through other clinical units where possible
- The patients compliance with infection control requirements including a surgical mask
- Determine if an aerosol generating procedure (AGP) is required or likely on route
- Wear appropriate **clean PPE** as per signage below and perform hand hygiene

Important points:

- Receiving area to be notified prior to transfer
- Ensure patient privacy and confidentiality is maintained at all times, discretely clear corridors and lifts.
- Patient should not wait in communal areas / waiting rooms
- Limit the amount of transporting staff to minimum required
- Lifts are only to be occupied by the patient and the transporting staff
- Ensure isolation order is on EMR

Staff	Clinical (Medical, Nursing etc.)	Non-clinical (Orderly, PSSA, Security etc.)	Patient
<p>PPE Requirement: Droplet Precautions</p>	<p>PPE needs to be worn (in case of needing to intervene on route)</p> 	<p>If less than 1.5m from patient PPE is required as per Droplet Precautions</p> <p>If greater than 1.5m from the patient - Standard Precautions apply</p> 	 <p>Level 1 surgical mask</p> <p>*****</p> <p>Perform hand hygiene prior to leaving room</p>
<p>If patient is critically unwell/ having an AGP*: Pandemic Precautions</p>	<p>Always wear PPE on transport</p> 	<p>Always wear PPE on transport</p> 	 <p>Level 1 surgical mask (Place over AGP device)</p> <p>*****</p> <p>Perform hand hygiene prior to leaving room</p>

*More information on AGP in OWI05409 or the Series of National Guidelines

Lift use: Staff with clean gloves (not in contact with patient) should press the lift buttons, visitors/ other staff should not share the lift

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DROPLET PRECAUTIONS	PANDEMIC PRECAUTIONS (High Risk or Confirmed Case)				
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