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1. PURPOSE:

- 1.1 To provide clear guidelines to safely transporting isolated patients within the facility while preventing or minimizing infection transmission.

2. DEFINITONS:

- 2.1 N/A

3. POLICY:

- 3.1 Transport of isolated patients should be limited to essential purposes only, such as diagnostic and therapeutic procedures that cannot be performed in the patient's room.
- 3.2 When patient transport is necessary, appropriate barriers (e.g., masks, leak-proof dressing) should be worn to reduce potential contamination of the environment and the spread of infection.
- 3.3 All staff must observe Standard Precautions at all times with a multi-drug-resistant organism (MDRO) case.
- 3.4 Transporting patients colonized or infected within facility or between facilities within a country or between countries allow risks for spreading MDROs.
- 3.5 MDROs, including Vancomycin Resistant Enterococcus (VRE) and Clostridium difficile, are pathogens resistant to more than one antimicrobial agent from at least three different classes.

4. PROCEDURE:

4.1 Ward

- 4.1.1 Notify the receiving department to which the patient is being transported of the isolation precautions in effect.
- 4.1.2 Instruct the patient on the ways that he/she can assist in maintaining appropriate precautions to prevent transmission of the infection.
- 4.1.3 Healthcare workers transporting patients who are in isolation are not required to wear PPEs unless there is a risk of exposure to blood and body fluids.
- 4.1.4 Isolation instructions must highlight the transmission-based precaution card (isolation signs) needed while transporting patients under transmission-based precautions to other department (e.g radiology).
- 4.1.5 Dress wounds with impervious dressings as required.
- 4.1.6 Dress the patient in a clean gown.
- 4.1.7 For patients with skin lesions associated with varicella or smallpox or with draining lesions caused by Mycobacterium Tuberculosis (MTB), cover the affected areas to prevent aerosolization and to avoid contact with the infectious agent.
- 4.1.8 Explain to the patient the need for the protective apparel that he/she is required to wear.
 - 4.1.8.1 Put a mask on any patient who is in airborne isolation.
- 4.1.9 Cover the wheelchair/stretcher with a sheet before moving the patient.
- 4.1.10 Cover the patient with a clean sheet.

- 4.1.11 Transport the patient to the area as required.
- 4.1.12 Return the patient to the isolation room as soon as circumstances allow.
- 4.1.13 Clean and disinfect the wheelchair or stretcher with the hospital-approved disinfectant.
- 4.2 Receiving Department
 - 4.2.1 Use appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) when managing the patient.
 - 4.2.2 Observe the specified isolation techniques. Adhere to the Hand Hygiene policy.
 - 4.2.3 Arrange for the patient's return to his/her ward as soon as possible.
 - 4.2.4 Change linens and clean equipment and environmental surfaces as indicated before receiving the next patient.
- 4.3 Transferring the Patient to Another Facility
 - 4.3.1 Inform the receiving facility and the emergency vehicle personnel in advance about the type of isolation and standard precautions (PPE) required.
 - 4.3.2 Provide complete information on the infectious status of the patient to the receiving facility
 - 4.3.3 Inform receiving hospital and document the presence of a MDRO and specify whether it is a colonization or an infection.

5. MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT:

- 5.1 **Forms and Records:**
 - 5.1.1 N/A
- 5.2 **Materials and Equipment**
 - 5.2.1 N/A

6. RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 6.1 It is the responsibility of the IPCD to implement this policy.

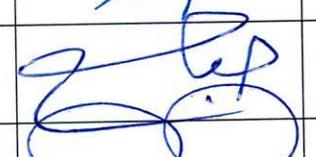
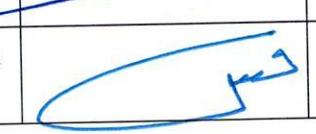
7. APPENDICES:

- 7.1 N/A

8. REFERENCES:

- 8.1 GCC Infection Prevention and Control Manual .3rd Edition, 2018
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