

**Policy Title:** Transporting Patients on Isolation Precautions

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**1. CONDITIONS:**

1.1 Laboratory , Internal Medicine , Nursing , Psychiatry , Dental , X-ray And physiotherapy department.

**2. PURPOSE:**

2.1 The organization uses a coordinated process to reduce the risks of transmission of endemic, epidemic, and hospital acquired pathogens in patients; health care workers and visitors.

**3. DEFINITIONS:**

3.1 To provide guidelines for safely transporting patients within the facility to prevent or minimize infection transmission.

**4. Related**

4.1 Hand Hygiene (UOJ-MSA-IC-P/09)

**Documents:**

4.2 Masking (UOJ-MSA-IC-P/19)

4.3 Personal Protective Equipment. (UOJ-MSA-IC-P/30)

**5. POLICY:**

5.1 It is the University of Jeddah Medical Center policy for safely Transporting of patients in isolation should be limited for essential purposes only

5.2 When patient transporting is necessary, appropriate barriers (e.g., masks, impervious dressing) are worn to reduce potential contamination of the environment and spread of infection.

**6. PROCEDURES:**

**6.1 Ward:**

6.1.1 Notify the receiving department of the patient isolation precautions status.

6.1.2 Instruct the patient of ways he/she can assist in maintaining appropriate precautions to prevent transmission of the infection.

6.1.3 Dress wounds with impervious dressings as required.

6.1.4 Dress the patient in a clean gown.

6.1.5 Explain to the patient the need for the protective apparel he/she is required to wear.

6.1.6 Put a surgical mask on the patient who is in airborne isolation.

6.1.7 Place the patient on a stretcher/wheelchair as appropriate and cover wheelchair/ stretcher with a sheet.

6.1.8 Cover the patient with a clean sheet.

6.1.9 Transport the patient to the area as required.

6.1.10 Return the patient to the isolation room as soon as circumstances allow.

6.1.11 Clean and disinfect wheelchair or stretcher with the approved disinfectant.

NB: Staff must observe Standard Precautions at all times.

### 6.2 Receiving Department:

6.2.1 Maintain patient with protective apparel in place.

6.2.2 Expedite procedure to minimize patient stay.

6.2.3 Observe specific isolation techniques.

6.2.4 Wash hands before and after contact with patient.

6.2.5 Arrange for patient's return to ward as soon as possible.

6.2.6 Change linen, clean equipment and environmental surfaces as indicated before the next patient.

7. **RESPONSIBILITIES:** 7.1 Accountable to the Infection Prevention Control Practitioner/Committee.

8. **Appendix:** N/A

9. **REFERRANCES:** 9.1 Ministry of Health Manual for Infection Control.

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