

COVID-19 Positive or Suspected ICU Pick Up Checklist for ED or Ward

ICU will arrive in PPE as needed for transfer of a Covid-19 or suspected Covid-19 patient. The patient will be 'packaged' by the ward/ED then passed from the 'dirty' room/area to the 'clean' area to the ICU team. This is to prevent hospital contamination and ensure staff safety while preserving our PPE stock.

ICU beds will NOT be brought to the patient. We will transfer on the bed/trolley from the referring department. This will be returned clean to the ward.

Communication with ICU is VITAL. We have different transport processes and equipment depending on whether a patient is Covid-19 suspected/positive or not. We need this information prior to leaving the unit.

The requirements for referring ward/department staff are as follows;

	Action by referring department	Completed
Phone handover prior to ICU arrival: Nurse to Nurse		
-	COVID status	
-	Resus Status	
-	Communicate what equipment ICU need to bring replace what is on the patient	
-	Provide a direct line phone number that the ICU team can contact when	
	en-route	
-	Confirm ICU team arrival time	
-	Confirm medication/infusions required for transfer (e.g. vasopressors)	
Arrange porter for transfer		
Package patient		
-	Attach all devices, that are connected to the patient, to the bed	
-	Full O2 cylinder available on the back of bed. Do not disconnect O2 from	
	wall until ICU arrival	
-	Apply surgical mask over the O2 delivery system on the patients face	
-	Put bagged patient belongings on the bed	
ICU will contact referring department when they are en-route to collect the patient		
ICU will remain outside patient room or ED Respiratory Unit double doors on their arrival		
Moving the patient		
-	Remove O2 device from the wall and connect to the O2 cylinder	
-	Disconnect power cords from IV pumps	
-	Patient ID check performed with ICU team	
-	Give patient documentation to the 'CLEAN' runner	
ICU will have a team huddle prior to moving the patient to ICU		



ICU COVID-19 Transfer Flowsheet NO CONTINUE TO MONITOR CLOSELY ICU Deteriorating positive or suspected **ACCEPTS** COVID-19 patient LOW THRESHOLD TO RE-REFER YES ICU ED/WARD • ICU ASSEMBLES TRANSPORTTEAM ED/WARD PREPARE PATIENT FOR ICU Registrar/Consultant TRANSFER. Critical Care/ALS Nurse Spotless Porter Medical and Nursing Staff Phone handover to ICU counterparts including COVID-19 status and Transport Team remove and store personal items (phone, nametag etc.). RESUS status, equipment needed by ICU as well as infusions/medications Clean runner retains nametag. running i.e. Vasopressors. ¥ Transport team don Full PPE Apply non-rebreather O2 mask covered with surgical mask. FOR ED - send 'Brain' with patient. Clean runner collects COVID-19 alert cards, Documentation to be given to ICU 'clean' phone, swipe card, COVID transport pack runner. All devices connected to patient attached to bed i.e. IV pumps and monitoring equipment When transport team ready, clean runner contacts ward to check patient is prepared and advise team is en route When ICU team arrives; ED/Ward staff unplug bed, ensure belongings with pt. Change oxygen supply to bottled O2 and Transport team leaves ICU— clearing any obstacles along way (e.g. prepare for immediate departure. beds/trolley) **TIMEOUT**: Patient identity check, Purpose of transport, Infection control, Treatment limitation status, plan for deterioration en route, any changes since handover. Pt handed over to ICU staff for transfer. Remaining outside room, transport team accept care of patient on bed Clean runner precedes patient and rest of team through hospital, opening doors, pressing buttons and so on while maintaining 2m separation from patient. Patient transported to ICU room 15 if for immediate intubation or to ICU room. ED/Ward awaits return of bed +/- other equipment. ED/Ward bed cleaned in ICU warm zone before Patient transferred

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Requests cleaning as per Infection

Control rules (bed and room).

being returned to ED/ward. Transport Zip-lock

bag cleaned by transport CCRN.

to ICU bed and into

care of ICU team