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Move and transport patients within the work area



Overview

This standard is about moving and transporting patients within designated work areas (e.g. hospital areas). You will need to be able to identify the patient to be moved and make sure the necessary resources are available to move the patient. You will also need to move the patient safely and securely, and maintain their privacy and dignity during the move.

The unit also applies to the movement of the deceased.

Users of this standard will need to ensure that practice reflects up to date information and policies.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 check the nature of the job with your supervisor
- P2 communicate effectively with members of staff, patients and others
- P3 accurately identify the patient that needs to be moved
- P4 clearly explain to the patient who you are and where you are taking them
- P5 maintain the patient's dignity at all times
- P6 check that any necessary accompanying documentation is available
- P7 check that the transportation equipment is safe and functioning correctly
- P8 co-operate with other members of staff involved to achieve the best possible outcome for the patient
- P9 take the appropriate action where problems arise
- P10 maintain health and safety in accordance with current policy and legislation
- P11 care for the patient during transportation in accordance with the patient's needs
- P12 communicate effectively with members of staff, patients and others
- P13 maintain the patient's dignity at all times
- P14 maintain the safety and security of the patient throughout the move
- P15 use the transportation equipment correctly
- P16 use the most suitable route for the patient
- P17 co-operate with other members of staff involved to achieve the best possible outcome for the patient
- P18 take the appropriate action where problems arise
- P19 hand over the patient and any necessary documentation to the appropriate member of staff
- P20 assist with any further movement of the patient
- P21 communicate the completion of the move to your supervisor
- P22 return the transportation equipment to the correct location
- P23 maintain health and safety in accordance with current policy and legislation

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 current legislation, policies and procedures in relation to health and safety
- K2 organisational procedures for moving and transporting patients
- K3 organisational procedures for moving deceased patients
- K4 procedures for identifying, moving and handing over patients
- K5 how to communicate effectively with others
- K6 how to make patients feel at ease
- K7 how to maintain patients privacy, dignity and confidentiality
- K8 how to move and transport patients correctly
- K9 the safe techniques for moving and handling patients
- K10 the circumstances in which a patient escort is needed
- K11 the geography of the work area
- K12 the types of problems which may occur and how these should be dealt with
- K13 the types of documentation that must accompany the patient in your organisation
- K14 the types of transportation equipment available
- K15 how to use transportation equipment correctly
- K16 the types of medical equipment which may require movement with the patient
- K17 how to handle medical equipment safely
- K18 how and when to use personal protective equipment

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Additional Information

External Links

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