

Providence Health Care	Department: Respiratory Services	Date Originated: September 1986 Date Revised: November 2008
POLICY	Topic: <u>Critical Care – In-Hospital Transfer of Mechanically Ventilated Patients (Respiratory Therapy)</u> Number: B-00-11-12002	Related Links: In-Hospital Transfer of Mechanically Ventilated Patients

APPLICABLE SITES:
 St. Paul's Hospital
 Mount Saint Joseph Hospital

Pertaining to the internal transport of patients with artificial airways for diagnostic procedures from Critical Care areas.

Critical Care areas include:

- Intensive Care Unit
- Cardiac Surgery Intensive Care Unit
- Coronary Care Unit
- Post Anesthetic Care Unit
- Emergency Department
- Neonatal Intensive Care Unit

1. VENTILATED or SPONTANEOUSLY BREATHING PATIENTS with an ENDOTRACHEAL TUBE will be accompanied by:

- a. Critical Care Registered Nurse
- b. Registered Respiratory Therapist

2. SPONTANEOUSLY BREATHING PATIENTS with a TRACHEOSTOMY TUBE will be accompanied by:

- a. Critical Care Registered Nurse
- b. Registered Respiratory Therapist if the patient is deemed medically unstable by the critical care team

In **ALL** cases the Respiratory Therapist must be informed of the pending transport to ensure the appropriate emergency artificial airway supplies are present and with the patient for the transport.

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