



Provincial Health Services Authority

Arranging Hospital Admission for Patient without Escort- Brachytherapy PROCEDURE

Summary of Changes

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1. Introduction

Brachytherapy at BC Cancer – Kelowna is an outpatient procedure and patients must be provided with safe and secure transportation during the perioperative, perianesthesia and post-operative phases of care. Patients should be advised prior to the day of treatment they are required to arrange for an escort who can transport them home upon discharge from the Post-Anesthetic Recovery Room (PARR) and remain with them for 24 hours post-anesthesia.

1.1. Focus

- To provide a procedure for brachytherapy nursing staff to coordinate with Kelowna General Hospital and the Brachytherapy interdisciplinary team to arrange for hospital admission for patients without an escort

1.2. Health Organization Site Applicability

- This procedure applies to BC Cancer- Kelowna Brachytherapy program

1.3. Directives

- This procedure applies to all staff at BC Cancer who participate in the care of brachytherapy patients who do not have an escort to accompany them home in the 24 hours window post procedure
- Patients will always be informed in advance of their treatment that they have a responsibility to arrange for an escort and that the treatment may be cancelled if there is no escort available the day of the procedure
- A referral will be made to Patient Family Counselling if a patient requires assistance in arranging an escort post-procedure

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2. Procedure

2.1. Steps and Rationale

2.1.1. Process for patient with no escort:

- Obtain order from Radiation Oncologist to admit patient to KGH overnight post-op
- Develop post-op care plan for day after procedure
- Liaise with KGH Patient Care Coordinator to confirm post-op plan and tentative discharge time from KGH. Coordinate late discharge from KGH if possible.
- Patient will be discharged from KGH back to BCCA Kelowna and assessed on arrival by Pre-Surgical Screening nurse.
- If 24 hour window post anesthesia is not satisfied, then patient to be observed at BC Cancer - Kelowna until 24 hour time period is complete.

2.2. Related Documents

- Nursing Practice Reference D-55 Discharge of a Patient from PARR
- [National Association of PeriAnesthesia Nurses of Canada Standards for Practice](#)

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