

**GUIDELINE  
INTENSIVE CARE BURN CENTER  
TRANSPORTATION OF PATIENTS TO OTHER DEPARTMENTS**

**POLICY:** All nursing personnel trained in burn wound care techniques may transport patients to other departments. If patient is transported in bed, wipe the exposed area of the bed with disinfectant wipes and cover the patient with a clean sheet. If a child has to be transported in a crib, use an extra crib if available.

**Whenever possible all procedures will be performed within the Burn Center. Patients will be taken out of burn unit only when absolutely necessary.**

All burn wounds are covered in clean dressings free of drainage prior to taking patients out of Burn Center for transported to other departments.

**PURPOSE:** To transport a patient from the Intensive Care Burn Center to another department using medical aseptic technique to prevent the transmission of infectious agents to other departments and minimize contamination/ exposure of the burn patient.

**PROCESS:**

**I. Equipment:**

Gurney	shoe covers	Gloves
Masks if indicated	Head cover	
Gowns	Clean sheet	

**II. Method:**

- A. Clean gurney and cover gurney with a clean sheet.
- H. Don cover gown, gloves.
- I. Take gurney into room.
- D. Place patient on gurney. Mask is placed on patient if he/she is in respiratory precaution.
- E. Fold clean sheet over patient. .
- H. Wipe siderails, and any part of gurney that will come in contact with Transporter.
- G. Remove gown, gloves, head cover, and discard in trash container prior to leaving Burn Center. Do not transport patient while wearing gown and gloves.
- H. Everyone who will come in contact with patient in outside department should Wear gown and gloves.
- I. When ready to transport patient back to Burn Center, place clean sheet on Gurney and cover patient with clean sheet.
- J. Discard gown and gloves prior to transporting patient
- K. Return patient to Burn Center and don isolation gown and gloves prior to transferring patient back to his/her bed.
- L. Wipe gurney with disinfectant wipes before removing gurney from room.

<b>SPONSORING DEPARTMENT OR COMMITTEE</b>	<b>APPROVAL DATE</b>
Burn Committee	
<b>OTHER APPROVALS</b>	<b>APPROVAL DATE</b>
Nurse Leadership	
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