

- Transport for medical necessity only
  - Two people are **mandatory** for transport
  - Before transport, the two individuals performing transport must already be determined. This will reduce confusion while people are in PPE.
  - Designate Roles:
    - *Transporter*: Team member responsible for touching the patient or patient environment.
    - *Clean Assistant*: Team member that will remain clean throughout the transport process to open doors, press elevator buttons, ask those in pathway to get out of the way from the transporter and patient
    - *'Clean Assistant'* does not touch the patient or the patient environment- they do not ride in elevator with patient and other transporter.
    - If transfer to different floors, coordinate with accepting unit to have HCW waiting at elevator to assume role as *'clean assistant'*
- OR
- current *'clean assistant'* can take stairs to meet patient and transporter at new floor

### Patient Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Transport

- Patient must wear a surgical/procedural mask and be covered with a clean sheet during transport
- If on oxygen, place surgical/procedural mask over this apparatus as best as possible
- Mask should not impede oxygen delivery system
- If patient cannot tolerate mask or if a mask is not available, *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)* recommends patient should use tissues to cover their mouth and nose during the transport

### Healthcare Personnel (HCP) PPE for Transport

- If transport personnel must prepare the patient for transport (e.g., transfer them to the wheelchair or gurney), wear full COVID-19 PPE (i.e., N95, full face shield/eye shield, gown, gloves, bouffant)
- High touch cleaning of bedrails, handrail of wheelchair
- Once the patient has been transferred to the wheelchair or gurney (and prior to exiting the room), transporters should remove their gown, gloves, and eye protection and perform hand hygiene  
Transporter will be wearing a procedure/surgical mask during transport per the UNMH Universal Mask guidance for staff
- Transporter may wear gloves while pushing bed or wheelchair
- Standard precaution is the KEY. If you are anticipating close contact with patient during transport (e.g., bagging a patient) or transporting mechanically ventilated patient or patient is coughing and cannot wear a mask, COVID PPE may be worn. Replace your procedure/surgical mask over N95 with a clean mask and perform hand hygiene. If staff in the OR is required to wear COVID PPE while transporting a patient after procedure, please doff your soiled PPE and put on a new isolation gown and gloves.
- If Bag valve mask ventilation is used during transport, then a viral filter is required between the Endotracheal tube and the BVM.
- Clean assistant should not use any contact PPEs (i.e., gown and gloves).

### Coordination between Units for Transport

- Accepting unit will need to prepare room for patient based on isolation recommendations for COVID-19 patients
- Accepting unit can help coordinate with need of *'clean assistant'* (see above)

### Additional Recommendations for Transport

- Remember to empty patient Foley before transport