

**INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL IN TRANSPORTING COVID-19  
PATIENTS INSIED THE HOSPITAL**

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In general, transport and movement of the patient outside of their room should be limited to medically essential purposes.

If being moved outside of the ward, such as to radiology following instructions should be followed:

- Healthcare personnel in the receiving area should be notified in advance of transporting of the patient.
- During transport, the patient should wear a surgical facemask and be covered with a clean sheet or cloth.
- If transport personnel must prepare the patient for transport (e.g; transfer them to the wheelchair/trolley), they should wear all recommended PPE (gloves, a gown, a facemask and eye protection. [i.e., goggles or disposable face shield that covers the front and sides of the face]).
- Once the patient has been transferred to the wheelchair/trolley (and prior to leaving the room), transporters should remove their gown, gloves, and eye protection and perform hand hygiene.
- Given current limitations in knowledge regarding COVID-19, use of a new facemask, gloves and a gown by the transporter is recommended.
- After arrival at their destination (e.g, in radiology), receiving personnel and the transporter (if assisting with transfer) should perform hand hygiene and wear all recommended PPE.
- The same transport personnel can retransfer the patient without handing over to another person, if procedure can be completed immediately. If so, it would be helpful to minimize PPE usage and contamination.
- Finally, the transporter should take care to avoid self-contamination when doffing PPE, discarding them into infectious waste bin and by washing hands.

## References

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/infection-control/infection-prevention-control-faq.html>