

## Patient Transport and Testing

- Patients who *must* leave their room for treatment or tests *must wear a well-fitting surgical mask during transport.*
- The receiving department *must* be notified in advance.
- Healthcare personnel transporting patients do not need to wear a mask or respirator during transport.  
The patient *must* wear a mask and infectious lesions *must* be covered.
- Health care workers present for the test *must* wear an approved respirator.
- Cough inducing procedures (endotracheal intubation and suctioning, diagnostic sputum induction, aerosol treatments, and bronchoscopy) performed on patients who are known or suspected to have TB are done *only if absolutely necessary.*

### *If a high hazard procedure must be performed:*

- Procedures are performed in a room or enclosure device that meets ventilation requirements for an airborne room.
- Tests required in areas without negative pressure areas are to call Infection Prevention or supervisor for review and evaluate options
- Tests or treatments are scheduled to minimize exposure risks to other patients in the testing department (i.e. schedule as first or last patient of day).



one family

