



Queen Elizabeth National Spinal Injuries Unit, Scotland

Transfer Checklist

Patient Name:	DOB / CHI:	M - F -
 A Airway is clear and can be maintained during transfer Recommend: □ ABG as indicated □ N/A □ Intubation prior to transfer if PCO2 > 6KPA or if respiratory failure is likely to develop during a prolonged transfer □ N/A Chest drainage if pneumothorax or haemothorax, prior to transfer □ N/A ■ B Supplemental oxygen is being administered & ventilation is adequate (spontaneous/assisted) 		
□ Yes □ No □ C Haemodynamically stable: □ With Vasopressor support □ Without Vasopressor support □ Secure IV access prior to transfer		
□ Immobilisation of spine is adequate and secure Recommend: □ Vacuum Mattress □ Hard collar in definite or suspected cervical spinal injury □ N/A □ Anaesthetist and/or nursing escort as indicated (patients with a significant cervical spinal cord injury and/or		
polytrauma with fluctuating haemodynamics) □ Yes □ No		
□ Nasogastric tube is in situ, draining freely, if needed □ Yes □ No		
□ Indwelling urethral catheter is in situ, draining freely, for all paralysed patients irrespective of the severity of their spinal cord injury □ Yes □ No		
□ Skin is protected from injury on a vacuum mattress during transfer		
□ Level and extent of spinal cord injury is documented in patient's case notes		
□ Other Injuries are also documented, if present and stabilised prior to transfer □ No other injuries		
□ Following documents to accompany the patient: Request: □ Clinical summary note □ Copy of Case notes □ Copy of Kardex Investigation results: □ FBC and U& Es □ Other relevant results □ PACS □ CD or Hard copy if PACS link not available		
□ Inform Transferring unit to notify the time of departure to Receiving Unit		
□ Comments:		
Transfer form completed with: Name:	Date:	Time:
Transfer form completed by: Name:	Signature:	

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