

# Patient Risk Assessment Checklist for Use of Overcapacity Spaces

## Objective

To assist those making decisions to manage overcapacity (OC/OCP) about a patient's suitability for placement into an OC/OCP patient (OC/OCP) space.

## Rationale

- Many OC/OCP beds are within areas not originally designed for patient accommodation.
- Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) recommendations for spacing often cannot be met (e.g., 2 metres between patients to prevent transmission of respiratory pathogens).
- In addition, OC/OCP beds may not have adequate accessibility to hand hygiene sinks and toileting facilities.
- The goal of this checklist is to mitigate the risk of transmission of any communicable disease or organism between patients.

## Instructions

Review both Criteria 1 and 2 **for all patients** who are being considered for OC/OCP placement, as well as any existing occupants of the space (e.g. when an OC/OCP bed shares a room with a regular bed).

A patient's condition may change. Therefore, re-assessment of continued suitability for OC/OCP placement should be ongoing.

<p>1. Answer all questions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One (1) or more "Yes" answers: Patient <b>must not</b> be placed in an OC/OCP space.</li> <li>• All answers "No": Continue on to #2.</li> </ul>	
<p>Does patient require additional precautions?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact precautions (ARO, MRSA, CPO, Scabies, lice, refer to <a href="#">Rash Algorithm</a>.)</li> <li>• Droplet precautions (meningitis, mumps, strep throat or scarlet fever, also refer to <a href="#">IPC Triage Assessment for Patients Presenting with Fever</a>.)</li> <li>• Contact and Droplet precautions (e.g. suspected or confirmed viral respiratory infection; vomiting with or without diarrhea that is not yet diagnosed; suspected/confirmed infectious diarrhea such as <i>C. difficile</i>, norovirus, etc.)? Refer to <a href="#">Respiratory (ILI) Algorithm</a> or <a href="#">GI Algorithm</a>.)</li> <li>• Modified Respiratory precautions (e.g., suspected or confirmed COVID-19 infection)</li> <li>• Airborne or airborne/contact precautions? (e.g., suspected or confirmed tuberculosis, chicken pox or disseminated shingles, measles, undiagnosed fever with a rash).</li> </ul>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>2. Answer all questions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One (1) or more "Yes" answers: <b>IPC does not recommend</b> OC/OCP placement.</li> <li>• All answers "No": Patient may be appropriate for OC/OCP placement.</li> <li>• Consult with IPC as needed.</li> </ul>	
<p>Does patient have any drainage or incontinence (bowel or bladder) that <b>cannot</b> be contained by a dressing or incontinence product?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Does patient have poor skin integrity (e.g., significant exfoliating skin conditions)? Refer to <a href="#">Wound Algorithm</a>.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Is patient unable or unwilling to reliably comply with instructions for personal hygiene, hand hygiene, and respiratory etiquette?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>