

Patient Risk Assessment Checklist for Use of Overcapacity Acute Care Spaces

Objective

To provide those making decisions regarding patient placement with a tool to assess a patient's suitability for placement into an overcapacity patient (OC/OCP) space.

Rationale

Many OC/OCP beds are within areas not originally designed for patient accommodation. Often they do not meet the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) recommendation for spacing to prevent transmission of respiratory pathogens (2 meters between patients). Also, OC/OCP beds may not have adequate accessibility to patient hand hygiene sinks and toileting facilities. The goal of this checklist is to mitigate the risk of transmission of communicable diseases and organisms between patients.

Instructions

Review both Criteria 1 and Criteria 2 for *all* patients who are being considered for OC placement, as well as any existing occupants of the space (when an OC/OCP bed shares a room with a regular bed). As a patient's condition may change, reassessment of continued suitability for OC/OCP placement should be ongoing.

Criteria 1: Answer all questions. If the answer is "yes" to any question, patient **must not** be placed in OC/OCP. If answer is "no" to all questions, continue on to Criteria 2.

Criteria 2: Answer all questions. If the answer is yes to any question, IPC does not recommend OC/OCP placement. If answer is "no" to all questions patient may be appropriate for OC/OCP placement.

Criteria 1: Any answers "Yes": the patient **must not** be accommodated in an overcapacity space.

<p>Does patient require additional precautions?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact precautions (ARO, MRSA, CPO, Scabies, lice, refer to Rash Algorithm.) • Droplet precautions (meningitis, mumps, strep throat or scarlet fever, also refer to IPC Triage Assessment for Patients Presenting with Fever.) • Contact and Droplet precautions (e.g. suspected or confirmed viral respiratory infection, diarrhea and/or vomiting not yet diagnosed or suspected/confirmed infectious diarrhea [e.g. <i>C. difficile</i>, Norovirus])? Refer to Respiratory (ILI) Algorithm or GI Algorithm.) • Airborne or airborne/contact precautions? (e.g., suspected or confirmed Tuberculosis, chicken pox or disseminated shingles, Measles, undiagnosed fever with a rash). 	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Criteria 2: One or more "Yes" answers: IPC does not recommend OC/OCP placement. All answers "No": patient may be appropriate for OC/OCP placement.</p>	
<p>Does patient have any drainage or incontinence (bowel or bladder) that cannot 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 Wound Algorithm.</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>

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