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TRANSFER TO THE OPERATING THEATRE

Keywords: operating theatre, OT, caesarean, transfer to holding bay, pre-operative

AIMS

• To provide a safe environment for the woman and fetus during transfer to the operating theatre.
• To promote a woman focused approach to care.
• To adequately meet the information needs of the receiving staff in the theatre.

KEY POINTS

1. All patients will be transferred to the theatre holding bay by a midwife and an orderly /PCA.
2. All patients shall be transferred to the holding bay by a wheelchair, trolley or bed as appropriate.
3. Patients walk to Holding bay if appropriate and then transferred onto trolley
4. All patients shall be covered with a blanket for warmth and dignity.
5. All patient personal belongings shall be bagged, labelled and given to the family, left in the patient’s room or secured in a locker by unit nursing / midwifery staff.

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<td>The anaesthetic nurse / technician will inform DSU / Ward staff when theatre is ready to receive the woman.</td>
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<td>Escort the woman and her support person to theatre ‘holding bay’.</td>
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<td>Ensure that: the woman’s medical records, a labeled blue “Patient’s Belongings” bag and a pillow and blanket all go to theatre with the woman.</td>
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2.5 Hand over the care of the woman to theatre staff. The woman is then escorted into the anaesthetic room by theatre staff before being assisted onto a trolley. A wedge is placed for left tilted or patient is sitting upright in the trolley. Maintains privacy and dignity for the woman.

4. Transfer of Care to Theatre staff

4.1 Transfer of care will occur at “holding bay”. Hand over to the receiving nurse and/or technician. See Clinical Guideline Perioperative Services F Admission to Theatre. Theatre staff needs to be aware of the woman’s pre-operative health status and birth plan so that individualized care can be provided.

4.2 Check the woman’s identification with receiving nurse or technician.

REFERENCES / STANDARDS

National Standards – 1- Care Provided by the Clinical Workforce is Guided by Current Best Practice
Legislation - Nil
Related Policies -
Other related documents – KEMH Clinical Guidelines:
- Perioperative Services F Admission to Theatre
- Obstetrics & Midwifery: Caesarean Section guidelines; Transfer From the Operating Theatre

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