

COVID-19 NETS TRANSFER CHECKLIST (as of 16-09-21)

PRE-DEPARTURE FROM NETS - TASKING

- NETS-provided clipboard
- Remove netting and raincoat from neonatal system
 - (Leave on base/Store in ambulance First Aid Kit compartment)
- Surgical mask in NETS vehicle

LEG 1 – ARRIVAL AT REFERRING DESTINATION/HOSPITAL

- Before exiting aircraft if ASNSW vehicle used, don airborne PPE
- Before exiting NETS vehicle at referring hospital ambulance bay don N2/P95 mask and goggles. If with Flight Nurse, nurse/doctor/EVO don airborne PPE

LEG 1 – BEFORE ENTERING PATIENT

- Role allocation and ABCDE management plan with all team members
- Receive handover outside patient area
- Retrieval packs and i-Stat to remain clean outside of the patient area
 - Red drug pack placed into plastic bag to take into patient care area
- Place big zip lock bag with clean paperwork from referring hospital
- Team iPhones into zip lock bags
- Stabilization equipment prepared and placed onto system
- Emergency equipment for Leg 2 placed into clear plastic bag i.e. anaesthetic circuit
- Perform ventilator leak test and place artificial lung into retrieval bag
- Doctor/Nurse team don additional PPE if required (EVO don PPE if moving system into patient area)
- PERFORM PPE BUDDY CHECK**

ENTERING PATIENT AREA - STABILISATION

- Doctor/Nurse take system into patient area and set up
- Doctor to attend first look assessment and verbalize to Nurse
- Attend patient care, monitoring, and transfer to NETS system
- Follow usual documentation process
- Conference call on speaker phone, remind receiving to alert Nurse T/L of COVID-19 transfer
- Remain in PPE for Leg 2 unless bathroom/nourishment break required
 - If gloves soiled, remove and perform hand hygiene then don new gloves.

LEG 2 – DEPARTING REFERRING HOSPITAL

- EVO/Porter/Paramedic don additional PPE – **PERFORM PPE BUDDY CHECK**
- EVO/Porter/Paramedic enter patient area and commence system transfer to mode of transport
- Clean local staff member to walk ahead - Assist with NETS bags, ensure clear path, open hospital doors

Road

- Clean local staff member to open ambulance doors
- NETS system and team loaded into ambulance
- Paramedic proceed as per their policy
- EVO/clean person loads retrieval bags into ambulance
 - Neonatal/Paed A bag on top shelf at rear of the vehicle
 - Paed B bag on bottom shelf
- After patient/ team loaded, EVO doff PPE – **EXCEPT N2/P95 mask to drive**
- EVO ensures air conditioner in the front of the vehicle is on maximum flow and recycled air is “turned off”
- In warmer climates, with the front air conditioner on maximum flow and recycled air “turned off”, turn on the rear air conditioner

Rotary Wing (RW)

- Barrier between cockpit and rear cabin is in place
- Cleanest team member to put NETS bags into helicopter IAM
- NETS EVO in N2/P95 mask, don gown, goggles and gloves with hand hygiene before unloading patient from NETS vehicle. Doff PPE after empty stretcher loaded in ambulance
- Aircrewman to load system and patient according to their PPE protocol
- Aircrewman doff PPE according to their protocol

Fixed Wing (FW)

- Pilot and FN in PPE. EVO in N2/P95 mask, don gown, goggles and gloves with hand hygiene before unloading patient from NETS vehicle
- Clean FN in PPE to load NETS retrieval bags into aircraft
- NETS system and team loaded into aircraft
- Pilot doff PPE according to FW protocol. NETS EVO doff PPE after empty stretcher loaded back into vehicle
- At destination airport, EVO in full airborne PPE before unloading patient from aircraft. After patient/team loaded, doff PPE - **EXCEPT N2/P95 mask to drive**

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AT RECEIVING DESTINATION

- NETS team to notify receiving TL for escort (except from CHW helipad)
- NETS team remain in PPE
- EVO/Aircrewman re-don airborne PPE – **PERFORM PPE BUDDY CHECK**
- NETS system unloaded from mode of transport
- Clean local staff member to walk ahead
 - Assist with NETS bags, ensure clear path, open hospital doors
- Handover given in allocated patient area
- Patient transferred into receiving bed
- Paperwork completed in patient area, photographed, separated as usual practice, patient copy remains with the patient
- NETS original documentation placed into clean plastic zip lock bag, held open by a clean team member and kept sealed for 24 hours
- NETS team dispose of contaminated disposable equipment and linen from NETS system in warm zone outside the patient room/area
- Wipe down system with Tuffie wipes
- Doff all PPE in warm zone
- In tepid zone, NETS team/EVO/porter perform hand hygiene, don (contact and droplet) PPE - new gown, surgical mask, goggles and gloves. If AGP performed in the ambulance within 30 minutes then team to wear P2/N95 mask

LEG 3 – DEPARTING RECEIVING DESTINATION

- EVO/Porter to re-load wiped-down system into mode of transport
- NETS team member/s sitting in rear cabin remain in PPE
- Clean local/NETS team member to walk ahead
 - Assist with NETS bags, ensure clear path, open hospital doors
- EVO to doff gown, gloves and goggles **EXCEPT mask to drive**

RETURN TO NETS BASE

- Returning NETS team always remains responsible for i-Stat and red drug pack
 - Clean with Tuffie wipes and return to the pharmacy room after doffed PPE
- EVO/team member in clean PPE unloads retrieval bags
- Returning EVO to don (contact and droplet) PPE and unload NETS system
 - System to remain in designated garage area
 - If returning EVO is in overtime or needing a refreshment, doff PPE
- Available EVO to don contact and droplet PPE and perform cleaning of vehicle as per cleaning instructions
- If returning nurse/doctor in overtime or in need of refreshment, after cleaning i-Stat and red drug pack with Tuffie wipes, doff PPE and return items to the pharmacy room.
- Available nurse/doctor to don contact and droplet PPE to clean system and equipment as per cleaning instructions

After equipment has been cleaned

- Clean team and EVO to move bags and system into restock room once dry
- Available team to restock and verify equipment
- EVO to re-load clean system and retrieval bags into clean vehicle