

WEISMAN CHILDREN'S REHABILITATION HOSPITAL (WCRH)

Administrative Manual

Subject: Child Safety/Restraint Transportation Guidelines Policy No: ADM 6.51

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Purpose: To ensure that all children are transported safely.

Policy: All children will be assessed and transported in the safest means. Determination of transport methods will be based on age, body dimensions, musculoskeletal positioning, medical status and tolerance by the Rehabilitation Department.

1. Upon admission to Inpatient/Day Hospital programs, all patients are assessed to determine the appropriate transit option.
2. Within 72 hours of admission, the rehab therapist will complete the *IP Rehab: Child Passenger Transport* flow sheet identifying the safest transit option based on the child's age, medical status, tolerance and position at their current status.
3. Patient's identified with medical conditions whose vital signs may be compromised by prolonged car seat positioning will be required to complete a car seat test to ensure medical stability.
 - a. Guidelines for car seat testing are indicated in policy 6.51.1
4. The *IP Rehab: Child Passenger Transport* flow sheet information is to be accessed by any department setting up transportation for the patient (i.e. medical appointments, emergency transfers, outings).
5. Staff should utilize the most current information to determine means of safe transportation identified for the patient.
6. Rehab staff will reassess the patient as to the most appropriate seating and adaptations on an ongoing basis. When a change in status occurs, the therapist will update the *IP Rehab: Child Passenger Transport* flow sheet.
7. The therapist will communicate the change within the IDT meeting ("Transportation safety assessed") and during medical rounds forum.
8. Staff assigned to transport will access designated car seats in storage in the IP gym and return car seat to Dirty Utility Closet at conclusion of trip.
9. Concerns with positioning, adaptations or tolerance during the course of a transport shall be communicated to Physician and Rehab Team Leader for further investigation.

Administrator