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Patients (PUI or COVID-19 positive) Requiring Ambulation in Hallway for Medical Evaluation

TYPE OF INFORMATION: Informational INTENDED AUDIENCE: All Team Members and Physicians

S **Situation**	Hospitalized COVID -19 positive or PUI patients, may need additional medical evaluations prior to discharge. These evaluations include but may not be limited to an oxygen (with pulse ox) or therapy evaluations.
B **Background**	CDC guidance states: • Limit transport and movement of the patient outside of the room to medically essential purposes. • Patients should wear exam/procedure mask or cloth face covering to contain secretions during transport. • Personnel entering the room should use PPE outlined on Isolation signage. • Whenever possible, perform procedures/tests in the patient's room.
A **Assessment**	• The best approach would be to perform these assessments in the patient's room, if possible. • Infection Prevention does recognize that this may not be feasible for some facility's due patient co-horting, small room size or other factors.
R **Recommendations**	**If an in-room assessment can be completed, Infection Prevention recommends using this approach**. • The team member will wear the appropriate PPE as outlined in the PPE resource document and complete the assessment in the patient's room. • Team member will clean any equipment with a hospital approved disinfectant before and after use. **If an in-room assessment is not possible, these are the recommendations:** • The patient washes their hands and is assisted with masking and provided a clean gown. • Upon leaving the room, team member will doff gloves, perform hand hygiene, don clean gloves and continue to wear mask/eye protection and *gown** **if direct patient contact is needed for ambulation.* • Perform the activity or assessment. If the unit has designated a space for evaluation, follow unit practices. • Patient removes the mask and performs hand hygiene. Keep patient mask for reuse. • Team member cleans any equipment with a hospital approved disinfectant.

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