Name of Policy: Transportation of Non-critically Ill Inpatients to the Dana Cancer Center THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO MEDICAL CENTER **Policy Number**: 3364-134-118 **Department**: Radiation Oncology **Original effective date:** 05/01/2021 **Approving Officer**: Chief Executive Officer-UTMC Medical Director of Radiation Oncology **Responsible Agent**: Manager, Radiation Oncology **Scope**: Radiation Oncology Minor/technical revision of existing \bowtie New policy proposal policy Major revision of existing Reaffirmation of existing policy

(A) Policy statement

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University of Toledo Medical Center in-patients requiring radiation therapy at The Eleanor N. Dana Cancer

Center ("DCC") will be carefully selected and provided the same level of care during their transfer and treatment that they are provided during their inpatient stay.

(B) Purpose of policy

1. To define the process for safely and efficiently transferring inpatients to and from the DCC for radiation therapy

(C) Patient Populations Appropriate For Transfer to the DCC

- 1. Patients being considered for transfer to the DCC for radiation planning/treatment must be first evaluated by Radiation Oncology faculty.
- 2. Final determination regarding eligibility for transfer to the DCC for radiation services is at the discretion of the consulting radiation oncologist.

(D) Procedure

- 1. Doctor will let the nurses and therapists know if the inpatient will need radiation during their inpatient stay
- 2. Doctor will communicate with patient and inpatient service about the radiation treatments to be delivered during their stay
- 3. Nurse will communicate with the floor nurse caring for the patient, access their status for transportation, either tunnel or Ambulance.
- 4. radiation staff will arrange transportation by calling 383-5007 (if capable of tunnel transport)
- 5.radiaiton staff will arrange transport with floor nurse/social worker if ambulette transport is necessary

- 6. Upon arrival of the EMS transportation team, all team members identified above will accompany the patient throughout the transport to the DCC, during the treatment period and back to UTMC following the treatment.
- 7. Hospital Nursing staff will be required to walk with transport and patient to the Dana Cancer center, nursing staff will remain with patient here at Dana until treatment is complete and will return with patient and transport to the floor.
- 8. If hospital nursing staff cannot stay at the cancer center for the patient's duration of treatment and visit, nursing staff from radiation will have to accompany patient and transport through the tunnel and back to the hospital.
- 9. Documentation of the care of the patient during transport and treatment is to be manually written and scanned into the patient's medical record upon return to the medical center.
- 10. In the event of a cardiopulmonary arrest during transport to or from The DCC, staff are directed to immediately return to the UTMC Emergency Department while concurrently initiating Advanced Cardiac Life support.
- 11. In the event of a cardiopulmonary arrest during treatment at The DCC, medical staff are directed to immediately call 911 for support while concurrently initiating Advanced Cardiac Life support.

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