



SARS Provincial Operations Centre

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Exception to Directives for Acute Care Hospitals for Neonatal Transfers For All Ontario Hospitals

Effective immediately:

Neonatal units in Category 1 hospitals may transfer patients to any other Category hospitals according to the Directives to all Ontario Acute Care Hospitals Directive 03-01 from April 3, 2003 with the exception that a private room is not required.

Transferring hospital-SARS category	Receiving Hospital*
0	-No restrictions -Emphasis on hand hygiene
1	-Private room (not required for neonates) -Monitor for fever 4 times daily -Institute SARS precautions for temperature $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}/100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$ -Notification of Infection Control Practitioner at receiving hospital prior to transfer -If receiving hospital is outside GTA sending hospital must notify local public health unit of transfer

*Transfer to SARS Category 2 and 3 hospitals should only be performed for essential medical services.

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