

# Practice Update

July 2018

To: Nursing Management Leaders, All Health Authorities

From: Provincial Patient Transfer Services Advisory Committee

Date: June 25, 2018

Subject: Responsibility for Inter Facility Patient Handover Report

Please be advised that a provincial guideline for nursing handover report for inter-facility patient transfers is being implemented on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018. The guideline reinforces the College of Registered Nurses of BC (CRNBC) *Standards of Practice*.

The Provincial Patient Transfer Services Advisory Committee (PPTSAC) was struck in February of this year to standardize and streamline patient referral and transfer processes across the province. The committee is comprised of leadership representatives from British Columbia Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) and all of the health authorities.

This provincial guideline is being implemented per the SBAR below:

<b>Situation</b>	Continuity of patient care is lost when a third party (non-direct patient care provider) provides nursing handover report on behalf of a sending hospital nurse to a receiving facility RN
<b>Background</b>	There have been instances over the past couple of years where the BCPTN Nurse (non-direct patient care provider) has provided a nursing handover report on behalf of a sending facility to the receiving hospital RN
<b>Assessment</b>	This situation presents a risk to patient safety and quality of care
<b>Recommendation</b>	Implement a provincial patient transfer guideline that reinforces CRNBC's Standards of Practice concerning nursing handover report
<b><u>Action Required</u></b>	Please ensure all health authority nursing staff are aware of their responsibilities for providing direct nursing handover report per the attached Provincial Patient Transfer Services Guidelines.



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Please contact your PPTSAC representative if you have any questions about the guideline.



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