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To OSH Nurses, Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, and Security/Transport staff:

This CMO Directive modifies OSH Policy 8.039, "Secure Transport Restraints." This directive replaces the previous directive from August 11, 2022. Changes in content from the previous directive are highlighted below.

STRs are used only for off-grounds custody transportation reasons for patients committed under the following statutes:

- Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 161.370 (.370);
- ORS 161.295 (Guilty Except for Insanity [GEI]), if the patient does not have off-grounds privileges granted by Risk Review;
- ORS 426.701/.702 (Extremely Dangerous Persons [EDP]), if the patient does not have off-grounds privileges granted by Risk Review.

STRs may be applied only by law enforcement personnel or, if law enforcement personnel are unavailable, by members of the Security Department trained on the proper use of STRs.

At least two persons must accompany a patient requiring STRs for all off-grounds medical care.

- When law enforcement personnel are available, at least one person accompanying the patient must be OSH staff.
- When law enforcement personnel are unavailable, at least two OSH staff must accompany the patient, one of which must be a member of the Security Department trained on the proper use of STRs.
- If the patient requires ambulance transport, one trained member of the Security Department must accompany the patient in the back of the ambulance. The second staff must ride in front of the ambulance or proceed in a separate vehicle to meet the ambulance at the emergency room.

- If the patient has an order for 1:1 enhanced supervision, trained Security Department staff must take the patient's Flow Sheet and Intervention Card with them and document on the Flow Sheet at least once per hour.

Exceptions to the use of STRs are as follows:

- STRs may not be used for patients under a civil commitment, Voluntary by Guardian/Health Care Representative status, or Voluntary status, under any circumstances.
- STRs may not be used for a pregnant patient believed to be in active labor during transportation to the acute-care hospital or during labor and delivery. STRs must be applied following delivery if otherwise required.
- If it is medically contraindicated to place STRs on a patient (e.g., extremity fracture, cardiac arrest, active seizure), the physician/nurse practitioner may recommend to law enforcement personnel or trained Security Department staff that STRs not be placed on one or more limbs until the patient has stabilized. The rationale for this recommendation must be documented in a note.
- Temporary removal of STRs for medical procedures, including imaging or phlebotomy, is permitted when required by a medical professional and at the discretion of the escorting law enforcement personnel or trained Security Department staff. Removal of STRs during overnight sleep studies requires the approval of the Chief Medical Officer or designee.

This directive remains in effect until OSH Policy 8.039, "Secure Transport Restraints," is updated or the directive is otherwise rescinded.

If you have questions, concerns or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at sara.walker@oha.oregon.gov or 503-945-8962.

Sincerely,



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