

### INTENDED AUDIENCE

This resource document applies to all Alberta Health Services (AHS) employees and persons acting on behalf of AHS to support the decision making process around the appropriateness of patients for an overcapacity (OC) space.

### OBJECTIVES

Optimize patient flow through South Health Campus by:

- Supporting the creation of a daily intake bed on each unit that can be used by 0830 hours
- Decreasing the number of EIPs holding in the ED
- Decreasing Length of Stay (LOS) for patients in the ED/PACU
- Decreasing LOS of critical care patients up for ward transfer
- Supporting overcapacity (OC) space utilization/ maintaining consistent utilization of OC spaces

### PROCESS

This document will serve as a resource in determining appropriate patients for OC spaces in support of patient safety and patient and family centered care. All efforts will be made to place the most appropriate patient in an OC space based on the exclusion criteria below:

<b>Not Appropriate for Overcapacity Spaces</b>	
Hemodynamically unstable	Palliative or imminent death
Greater than 1 person assist	Isolation precautions
Airway Impairments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- High Flow Oxygen</li> <li>- Opti-flow</li> <li>- Bipap</li> </ul>	Disruptive Behaviors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Aggression</li> <li>- Delirium</li> <li>- Confusion (unless redirectable and not requiring constant supervision)</li> <li>- Wandering Patients</li> <li>- High Observation Mental Health Patients</li> </ul>
Other Care Needs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chest tubes</li> <li>- Hip Fractures</li> <li>- Vac dressings</li> <li>- Bariatric patients</li> <li>- Requiring constant care or supervision</li> </ul>	

**NOTE:** *Exceptions can be made at the discretion of the Unit Charge Nurse in collaboration with Site Management, Unit Managers, and Infection Prevention & Control.*

**REVISION DATES:** SEPTEMBER 2021

**ACCOUNTABLE LEADS:** SITE DIRECTOR, SHC