

Statement to support nursing competency requirements for intra and interhospital transfers.

Minimal principles to support practice:

- RNs should have completed Step 1 competencies related to inter and intra hospital transfers before undertaking an intrahospital transfer in an 'assisting capacity'.
- Step 1 competency attainment assumes that a senior nurse, potentially with additional support from accompanying clinicians, will directly or indirectly supervise these RNs undertaking intrahospital transfers.
- RNs who have completed Step 1 competencies relating to inter and intrahospital transfers should be given the opportunity to attend a recognised Interhospital Transfer Course.
- RNs who have completed a recognised Interhospital Transfer Course should consolidate their knowledge and skill acquisition with completing Step 2 and 3 competencies relating to inter and intrahospital transfer either within or without the context of completing a recognised ICU course.
- Following completion of a recognised Interhospital Transfer Course and Step 2 and 3 competencies, RNs can undertake intra and interhospital transfers.
- Any level of supervision required is risk assessed on a case-by-case basis.