**WELCOME**

Prince Edward Island’s network of hospitals and health care facilities work together every day to ensure patients receive the best care possible by the most appropriate team of health care providers and in the most appropriate health care facility.

The eastern network of hospitals includes the Queen Elizabeth Hospital (acute care), Souris Hospital (extended care facility) and Kings County Memorial Hospital (community hospital).

The western network of hospitals includes the Prince County Hospital (acute care), Community Hospital O’Leary (extended care facility) and Western Hospital (community hospital).

On any given day, there are a number of patients in our acute care hospitals (QEH and PCH) who no longer require the specialized care these hospitals offer but still need assistance such as restorative, convalescent, palliative or respite care offered by other hospitals on Prince Edward Island.

To ensure that our patients are receiving the best care they need when they most need it, Health PEI and Island hospitals work together to ensure the right bed is available to patients at the right time and in the right health care facility.

**TRANSMITTING PATIENT CARE**

- Planning for your care begins when you are admitted to hospital. Your health care team will develop a plan of care that is right for you – in some cases; this may include a transfer to another hospital.

- Patients who no longer require the specialized care available only at the Queen Elizabeth or Prince County Hospitals (QEH or PCH) may be transferred to another hospital where their existing care needs will be met.

- Patients may also be transferred between community or extended care hospitals or other health care facilities for the same reason.

- A patient transfer to another hospital is made at the recommendation of the patient’s health care team and is part of the patient’s plan of care.

- When a health care team decides to transfer a patient to another hospital, they will consult with the receiving health care team to ensure the hospital knows the patient’s history and is ready to provide patient care.

- Patients and/or their caregiver(s) will be advised by a member of the health care team if a transfer to another hospital is part of the patient’s care plan and confirm the details of the transfer in advance.

- Patients being transferred to another hospital or health care facility by a health care team will not need to pay the ambulance transfer fee.

If you have any questions about your care plan or hospital transfers, please talk to members of your health care team.

**OUR HOSPITALS AND YOUR CARE**

Our hospitals are fortunate to each have talented health care teams of physicians, nurses and other health care providers who are committed to providing patients with the best that our health care system has to offer.

It is sometimes necessary to transfer patients to another hospital where they will continue to receive the care they need.

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