

Transferring out of the ICU to another hospital

Did you know?

Our Intensive Care Unit (ICU) provides specialized care for patients across South-Western Ontario with serious injuries or illnesses.

All patients staying in the ICU who do not live in Hamilton and no longer need this level of care, will be transferred (or repatriated) to a hospital close to their home that can provide the right level of care needed.

This plan allows our ICU to admit other patients who have been in an accident or are seriously ill who need a higher level of care.

What does “repatriated” mean?

Repatriated means a planned transfer to the closest hospital that will provide the right level of care.

The ICU staff will plan and arrange every part of this transfer including:

- Contacting the hospital and health care team that will meet the specific care needs.
- Communicating a health history and care plan (such as medications, equipment and wound care).
- Arranging transportation to the hospital.

Please speak to a member of the health care team if you have any questions.