

### **Respiratory Assistance with Transport**

Respiratory Therapy is happy to assist with transport, but they do NOT have someone pre-assigned for transports. They must free up a respiratory therapist from another assignment, so following this process will help the appropriate provider respond in a timely manner.

- **Who to call:** RCS Charge Therapist (**x6-1020**)
- **When to call:**
  - 45-60 min ahead of time (or as soon as it is known) – preferably by anesthesia team for a good patient history and to answer questions
  - Again 15-20 minutes prior to transport (it takes ~15 minutes to change into bunny suit, obtain vent/equipment, and come to the OR) – OK for circulator to call
- **What information they need:**
  - Patient name and MRN
  - Any special protocols (ARDS, TBI, APRV)
  - Any special respiratory meds (Flolan)
  - Destination (Specific ICU/room number and/or CT scanner if known)
  - Your name, phone number, and role (ie: CRNA/anesthesia vs. circulator RN, etc)
- **At arrival of RCS:**
  - Confirm requested ventilator settings
  - RCS is generally expecting to help with the ventilator during transport.
    - \*Please communicate any non-standard or special requests clearly! (ie: Teach me how to use the vent, help drive the bed, etc).
- *For rare cases where RCS is not available, anesthesia staff should be familiar with transport ventilators located in OR 1 and PACU.*