# Educational Tool for Private Facilities Referring to NEPT:

# Decision-Making Checklist for Assessment of Patient Suitability for Private NEPT

| No. | Consider | Note | What do we need to do?Acuity level – Low/Medium/HighComments | Is patient NEPT suitable?Decision |
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| 1 | Private referring facility and private patient? | If yes to both, then private NEPT can be considered. |  |  |
| 2 | Private referring facility and public patient? | If yes to both, then public NEPT should be considered in first instance. |  |  |
| 3 | Is this patient alert and co-operative? | This is a **requirement**. |  |  |
| 4 | Is the patient stable? | This is a **requirement**. |  |  |
| 5 | Is the patient unlikely to deteriorate on route? | This is a **requirement**. |  |  |
| 6 | Are vital signs and other measures within normal limits?  Respiration Rate, O2 Saturation, Heart Rate, Blood Pressure, Temperature, Colour If diabetic, blood sugars within normal ranges Weight/BMI | This will help to determine acuity level |  |  |
| 7 | D. Any current care or treatments?  eg Oxygen, Medications, On cytotoxic treatment, IV cannula, Indwelling catheter, Other | This will help to determine acuity level |  |  |
| 8 | Consider the following when determining acuity:  A. Primary diagnosis  B. Relevant Co-morbidities  C. Existing conditions that may predispose patient to harm  E. Allergies | If the patient is high acuity\*, not NEPT suitable.  \* **Patient’s** **medical needs or symptoms are acute or time critical** (for example a result of severe injury, episode of acute illness or medical condition) **and require active treatment or care** |  |  |
| 9 | Is the patient post-operative?  How long since operation?  What is the wound like?  Is there any indwelling catheters? | Generally, a minimum of 4 hours is required post-operative to be NEPT suitable. |  |  |
| 10 | Does the patient have any pain?  What analgesia is required?  When was last dose?  Is analgesia likely to be required for transport? | If pain relief is required during transport, can this be legally administered, and is it within the scope of practice of clinical escort provided? |  |  |
| 11 | What is the patient’s age?  Is the patient elderly or palliative?  Are there ACD’s? | Patients under 2 years of age must not be transported as a patient by private NEPT.  Child patients aged 2-14 years may be transported if NEPT suitable but will always require a clinical escort. |  |  |
| 12 | Is there any evidence of the patient having an infectious disease that would pose a risk? | If so, patient should not be transported by private NEPT. |  |  |
| 13 | Are there any other special requirements to consider?  eg stretcher required special skills for the clinical escort special equipment required in vehicle | Special requirements must be satisfied prior to transport.  (NB There are currently no private NEPT vehicles which are equipped to transport a patient in a wheelchair.) |  |  |
| 14 | Is patient low or medium acuity? | If medium acuity, patient requires a clinical escort for clinical care and monitoring. |  |  |
| 15 | Other: | Any other relevant information or considerations |  |  |
| 17 | Does the final tick box section on Form 10A for patient assessment for private NEPT satisfy requirements for NEPT suitability? | This is a **requirement**. |  |  |
| 18 | If assessment is carried out at a health facility, has Form 10A been endorsed as required? | Where assessment is carried out at a health facility, this is a **requirement**. |  |  |

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