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Patient Safety Notice

Date: 24/12/2014

Re: Transport of patients with a query spinal injury, clarification.

At the November meeting of the Medical Advisory Committee (MAC) some members sought clarification on the letter issued on 20th November 2014 in relation to transporting patients with a query spinal injury.

The following clarifications were agreed;

- There is no immediate requirement to change practice.
- The long board is currently acceptable for transporting a query spinal injury.
- A phased introduction of vacuum mattress for the purpose of transporting query spinal injury patients should be implemented.

Signed on behalf of PHECC;

Brian Power, Programme Development Officer