

Pink Band Project

Improving communication between long-term & acute care teams

WHO
is involved?

Long-term care facilities, emergency departments, and in-patient acute care units in south Vancouver Island.

WHAT
does it do?

Signals to acute care staff that **the patient wearing a pink band on their wrist lives at a long-term care home** (a facility with FT nursing care), and that verbal **communication with the LTC home nurse is necessary**.

WHEN
do I use it?

When a resident is transferred to the emergency department from their long-term care home.

WHERE
does it apply?

At all Island Health owned and operated, and affiliated long-term care homes. Private long-term care homes may also choose to use it.

WHY
do it?

To **facilitate communication and handover** between health care staff.

LEADERSHIP,
please

- Inform nurses about the initiative & how it works
- Provide IDRAW tools
- Provide pink wrist bands
- Ensure the ***Island Health COMPLEX CARE Resident ED Transfer Form*** (or equivalent) is **printed on pink paper**.

Further documents and tools can be located on a website:
vicsi-ltci.ca/tools-and-resources/pink-band-project/

QUESTIONS?

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