

## PET PARTNERS VOLUNTEER ESCORT

- Stock cart or bag with hand sanitizers and bed barriers (draw sheets or pillow cases depending on size of the dog).
- Check in at the Nurse's Station.  
"Are there any rooms (other than Isolation) we should not visit?" Or "Are there any we should make sure we get to?"
- Knock on the door. " Hi! I'm \_\_\_\_\_ and I am a \_\_\_\_\_ volunteer. I am happy to be escorting \_\_\_\_\_ ( dog's name), one of our hospital's therapy dogs, and his/ her human partner \_\_\_\_\_(name of handler). Would you like to meet them?"
- "Would you like to pet him/her?" If so, provide hand sanitizer. Explain; I'd like you to use this first. It is part of our safety program. Help the patient, if necessary, to make sure the gel/ foam is safely rubbed in and absorbed.
- Introduce the team. Participate in the conversation as you feel comfortable.
- Help to move furniture, etc. with the patient's permission to allow the team to get closer. Do not touch anything that is attached to the patient.
- If the handler and patient determine it is safe and desirable for the animal to lay on the bed beside the patient or sit on the patient's lap, assist in placing a barrier (sheet or pillow case) in the correct location on the bed or lap. When the dog gets off of the bed/lap, the handler will fold the barrier's 4 corners together, fold the barrier again and hand it to you for disposal with other soiled linen. (Note: a new barrier is used for each patient.)
- Offer another application of hand sanitizer to all who had contact with the dog.
- Thank the patient for the visit.
- Leave the room as you found it.