

NWT MEDICAL TRAVEL

Escort



Eligibility

An escort is someone who **may** be approved to travel with you if you meet certain criteria. They **must** be capable and willing to support you for the duration of your medical travel. Escorts are only approved when necessary and **must** meet specific requirements.

An escort **may** be approved when:

- You are under 19 and need support.
- You are pregnant and travelling to give birth.
- You are breastfeeding an infant and require an escort.
- You have a mental or physical disability and cannot travel unassisted.
- Your health care provider has referred you for an initial diagnosis of a life-threatening illness.
- You need language interpretation during your trip.
- You are undergoing medical procedures that require general anesthetic or outpatient sedation and cannot travel unassisted afterward.
- Your treatment team has asked for someone to travel with you to learn how to care for you after discharge.

What to Expect

Step 1: You are referred for medical care outside your home community

Your health care provider determines you need medical care that requires travel.



Step 2: Your health care provider applies for an escort if one is required

Step 3: Wait for approval before travel

Escorts **must** be approved by the GNWT Medical Travel Office in advance.

Note:

Escorts are intended to support you during medical travel. Misuse takes resources away from other patients who need care and support.



Need Help?

Scan the QR code or visit the NTHSSA website to contact your local Medical Travel Office.

www.nthssa.ca/medical-travel