

Pre-Hospital Patient Transport Guidelines

- All medical patients (adult or pediatric) with cardiopulmonary arrest or unmanageable airway shall be transported to the nearest facility with advanced life support capabilities.
- Pre-Hospital EMS may consider bypassing the local hospital and going directly to the closest appropriate facility for patients presenting the following conditions:
 - Suspected Stroke/CVA
 - Suspected STEMI
 - Multiple systems trauma
 - Severe head and/or spinal trauma
 - Penetrating trauma to chest and/or abdomen
 - Severe pediatric trauma or illness
 - Obstetrical/Neonatal problems
 - Major burns
- **When considering a by-pass, the lead EMT will need to consider patient stability, and available ALS rendezvous.**
- Patient (or family member), except those referenced above, will be consulted regarding hospital preference and transportation to that facility.
- If patient (or family member) has no preference, then EMS personnel on-scene shall make facility decision.
- If a medical patient is acutely ill and unable to communicate preference, he/she will be transported to nearest facility with advanced life support capabilities.
- Request a Law Enforcement Officer to accompany their prisoners who require transport.