Interfacility Protocol

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**Purpose:**

To provide guidelines related to any orders utilized during the course of an interfacility transport.

**Procedure:**

**PRIOR TO TRANSPORT:**

- Review written orders to transport and obtain a report from the transferring facility. Ideally this report will include:
  - Names of transferring and receiving physicians
  - Patient’s diagnosis
  - Reason(s) for transfer
  - Brief history of present illness and any intervention(s) which has occurred to date
  - Pertinent physical findings
  - Vital signs
  - Current medications and IV infusions
  - Presence of or need for additional medical personnel
  - Anticipated problems during transport, if any
- Confirm destination accommodations.
- Perform thorough primary assessment.

**NOTE:** IF THE PATIENT IS FOUND TO BE UNSTABLE OR UNSUITABLE FOR INTERFACILITY TRANSPORT, OR APPEARS TO REQUIRE A HIGHER LEVEL OF CARE THAN WAS ANTICIPATED AT THE TIME TRANSPORT WAS ARRANGED, DO NOT
ATTEMPT TRANSPORT. IF NEEDED CONTACT THE SHIFT SUPERVISOR, ASSISTANT CHIEF OR OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF MEMBER FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.

- Measure and record vital signs.
- Initiate EKG monitoring as necessary.
- Transfer any infusions from hospital pumps to transporting ambulance infusion pumps, or exchange like for like.
- Obtain signed Physician Certification Form (PCS) and signed orders for any medications or treatments to be delivered enroute and complete copies of all pertinent medical records, including X-Rays, CT Scans, consultative notes and ECGs, as available, that must accompany the patient to the receiving facility.

DURING TRANSPORT:

- Monitor the airway.
- Continue appropriate oxygen therapy.
- Monitor and record vital signs as necessary.
- Perform or assist in performing those procedures allowed by: specific advance Medical Direction, Specialty Transport Team Members (Blank Neonate, Pediatric, or Life Flight), and/or Current EMS Protocols, as necessary.
- In the event of a clinical emergency, and a Specialty Transport Team Member (Blank Neonate, Pediatric, or Life Flight) is present, assist with any allowed procedures and continue as directed.
- In the event of a clinical emergency, and Specialty Transport Team Member (Blank Neonate, Pediatric, or Life Flight) is NOT present, revert to pre-hospital standing orders and contact medical control.
- Document all care rendered as appropriate.