

TRANSPORT

Policy

- All individuals served by CCEMS will be evaluated, furnished transportation (if indicated) in the most timely and appropriate manner for each individual situation.

Purpose

- Rapid emergency EMS transport when needed
- Appropriate medical stabilization and treatment at the scene when necessary
- Protection of patients, EMS personnel and citizens from undue risk when possible

Procedure

- All trauma patients with mechanisms or history for multiple system trauma will be transported as soon as possible. The scene time should be 10 minutes or less, unless other circumstances dictate otherwise (i.e.. extrication, multiple patients). In which case, these circumstances should be documented in the ACR.
- Trauma patients or OB patients should be transported to Cleveland Regional or Gaston Memorial Hospital, however, trauma patients may refuse transport to those facilities provided the patient is willing to sign a "Refusal of Service / Transport" form (Blue Form), and it shall be noted on the form that the patient desired transport to Kings Mountain Hospital against CCEMS protocol. A patient signature will be required for all refusals of this nature.
- Should a trauma patient request transport to Kings Mountain Hospital, that hospital may divert patients to other medical facilities. Kings Mountain Hospital shall execute this diversion directive during the EMS-ED radio report.
- **Apparent minor mechanism trauma may be transported to Kings Mtn. Hospital provided medical control gives approval. This may include neck and/or back pain patients that have received spinal immobilization, minor lacerations, minor burns, etc.**
- All medical patients should go to the closest medical facility unless the patient requests otherwise
- Medical patients will be transported in the most efficient manner possible considering the medical condition. Advanced Life Support therapy should be provided at the scene if it would positively impact patient care. Justification for scene times greater than 20 minutes should be documented in the ACR.
- No patients will be transported in initial response non-transport vehicles
- In unusual circumstances, transport in other vehicles may be appropriate and will be directed by CCEMS administration.