

Hospital Transport Policy

Medical Patients:

Should be transported to hospital of their choice with consideration to patient's hemodynamic status.

OB Patients:

Should be Transported to a hospital other than Kings Mountain Hospital.

Trauma Patients:

- Significant or Multi-System Trauma should be transported to CRMC or GMH, whichever is closer.
- Motor Vehicle Accidents involving EJECTION (including motorcycle), ROLLOVER, SPEED GREATER THAN 40 MPH OR DEATH AT THE SCENE should be transported to CRMC or GMH.
- Any MVA patient who is in spinal immobilization should be transported to CRMC or GMH.

Trauma Patients eligible for transport to Kings Mountain Hospital:

- Isolated extremity injury (excluding major blunt or penetrating trauma).
- Falls from standing height or ground level only.
- MVA patients who are ambulatory (not immobilized) AND who have stable vital signs.

All trauma patients going to Kings Mountain Hospital Must have the following documentation in the ACR:

- Consult with KMH Physician prior to leaving the scene. Contact should be made via radio on .340, a recorded line. Cell phone/land lines may be used when radio contact with KMH ED is unsuccessful. ** Please note-This must be a **physician consult**, not a nurse.
- Acceptance by the KMH Physician should be documented in the ACR. The physician may divert the patient to another facility. If this occurs, the paramedic must document the refusal of services, include the physician's name, and the facility that ultimately receives the patient.

Trauma Patients Not taken to KMH:

All trauma patients who are taken to GMH or CRMC whose closest facility is KMH should be documented in the ACR and the training officer should be notified via e-mail. This includes both diverted patients and patients ineligible for transport to KMH.