

General Policy and Procedure

Transport Protocol

The purpose of this protocol is to insure that patients within the Washtenaw/Livingston County MCA are taken to the appropriate medical facility.

Procedure:

A. Services must follow the transport request ranking given below unless the patient is unstable or becomes unstable during transport:

1. Patient request
2. Family request
3. Patient's personal physician request

Request for transport to any participating MCA hospital will be honored by all ALS units approved within the MCA provided the patient is stable for transport. Requests for transport to hospitals outside of the MCA will be honored if medically appropriate.

B. Should a patient be unstable or become unstable during transport, he/she should be transported to the closest appropriate medical facility. For ALS units, the Medical Control physician has the authority to divert an unstable patient to the closest appropriate receiving facility.

C. An appropriate medical facility within the MCA will be limited to those with all of the following continuous capability:

1. Emergency medical services
2. Blood bank
3. Operating room
4. Critical Care capabilities
5. HEAR radio

D. This General Transport Protocol may be superseded by other protocols within the Washtenaw/Livingston County MCA under specific conditions, i.e., Transport Guidelines For High Risk Delivery, 2-12; Adult Trauma Triage, 1-29, etc.

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