Central DuPage Emergency Medical Services System

Interhospital/Interfacility Transport

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PURPOSE:

To define the process used for interfacility/interhospital transports for adult and pediatric patients.

POLICY:

Patients are to be treated during transport in accordance with current Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).

GUIDELINES/PROCEDURES:

- 1. EMT's are to maintain ongoing care of the patient until responsibility is assumed by equal or higher level of care personnel at the receiving facility.
- 2. Interhospital/interfacility transports do not routinely need to be called into the Resource Hospital. If there are any questions concerning the patient to be transported or concerns over medical care enroute, contact Central DuPage Emergency Department telemetry at (630) 933-2600.
- 3. The Resource Hospital must be contacted in the following circumstances:
 - A. change in patient status enroute that requires intervention;
 - B. medical-legal issues needing immediate clarification and documentation;
 - C. concerns between transferring/transporting physician orders and SOPs or polices and procedures;
 - D. interventions by any non-physician personnel traveling with the patient.

- 4. Interfacility/interhospital transports are documented as any call. In addition the names of transferring and receiving physicians and the reason for transfer should be documented. Also document the name and title of any medical person accompanying the patient and any interventions they performed. Attempt to get signature of Medical Professional accompanying you.
- 5. Interhospital/interfacility transfer of patients requiring skills for which EMT's are not trained to perform (excluding home care devices) shall require either a registered nurse and/or physician licensed in Illinois, a certified respiratory therapist or perfusionist experienced with the specific skills in question, to be in attendance of the patient throughout the transport. Any exceptions or deviations in policies and procedure must have prior approval of the EMS Medical Director or designee. The following are drugs/equipment that require appropriate personnel to accompany the paramedics for transport. This list is not all inclusive.
 - A. respirators/ventilators not approved by the system
 - B. mechanical infusion pumps (e.g., IVAC, IMED, etc.)
 - C. intra-aortic balloon pumps
 - D. arterial lines, PA catheters
 - E. temporary pacemakers
 - F. blood or blood product infusions
 - G. any IV drug infusions except dopamine
 - H. IV fluid additions (e.g., potassium, hyperalimentation, antibiotics)
 - I. chest tubes
 - J. Other