

AEROMEDICAL TRANSPORTATION

Circumstances that may warrant Aeromedical Transportation include, but are not limited to, high acuity patients (e.g., Level-1 trauma, hyperbaric center) when:

1. Time is critical for patient survival and/or distances are long, i.e., need for prompt transport when helicopter response time to scene, and flight time to appropriate hospital, is faster than ground transport.
2. Extrication/rescue is prolonged and significantly greater than helicopter estimated time of arrival (ETA) at scene.
3. Patients or hospitals are inaccessible or transport times are significantly delayed due to weather, traffic, or disaster/mass-casualty situation.
4. Ground transport to a Level-1 trauma center will be significantly greater than 25 minutes.
5. Special skills or equipment needed at the scene.

Patient Care/Scene Responsibilities

1. Consider aeromedical transportation, after completing an appropriate patient assessment.
2. EMS personnel at the scene may contact a helicopter service directly.
3. Continue ongoing assessment, treatment, and patient packaging until transfer of patient care to aeromedical transportation medical team.

Contact MEDICAL CONTROL, with information that aeromedical transport service has been requested, with a patient report and hospital destination.