

TRANSPORT DECISION

Transport to the nearest appropriate treatment facility as defined in EMS regulations. In rare circumstances, delayed transport may occur when necessary treatment cannot be performed during transport. • Request and use available Advanced Life Support (Paramedic) backup or intercept whenever clinically indicated and in accordance with these treatment protocols. • EMS personnel shall make decisions about the destination hospital in accordance with the EMS System regulations and Department-approved point-of-entry (POE) plans. • There are currently Department-approved condition-specific POE plans for trauma, stroke and STEMI, as well as a POE for a patient's other condition or need, not covered in the specific POE plans. • Department-approved regional POE plans for trauma; stroke and STEMI identify specific hospitals to be used. The EMT must be aware of all these POE plans affecting his/her service when choosing the appropriate hospital destination. • EMS personnel may call medical control if they have a question about POE. • Notify receiving facility as early as possible. • Use of lights and sirens should be justified by the need for immediate medical intervention that is beyond the capabilities of the ambulance crew using available supplies and equipment.