Your guide for expert transport medicine from IU Health LifeLine

Critical Care

When Rotor Requests Matter:
- Minimize the patients out of hospital time and risk
- Time dependent, emergent transports
- High risk of clinical changes or decompensation
- Surgical emergencies
- Immediate response to patient needs
- Instable patients
- Major delays, i.e., traffic, weather and road conditions
- Severe trauma, injury or illness
- Level 1 programs: Stroke, STEMI, PE, Vascular and Trauma

Patients Coming From:
- Emergency Department
- Adult Intensive Care Unit
- Pediatric Intensive Care Unit
- Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
- Cath Lab
- Interventional Radiology
- Operating Room

When to Request Critical Care:
- Complex patients requiring two-on-one care
- Acutely intubated patients
- Complex pharmacological management
- Patients requiring both respiratory and hemodynamic support

Advanced Life Support (ALS)

Patients Coming From:
- Emergency Department
- Medical Surgical Floor
- Long-term Acute Care

When to Request ALS:
- Need for Cardiac Monitoring
- Interfacility Transport

Patient Condition Criteria:
- Patients requiring EKG monitoring and interpretation
- Altered level of consciousness
- Chest pain or shortness of breath
- Medication reaction or drug overdose
- Intubated and tracheostomy (greater than 24 hours post intervention)
- Convulsive bleeding
- IV pumps
- Non-invasive blood pressure (non-continuous) - BIPAP

Current Medications:
- NTX (Calcium)
- Magnesium
- Nitrates
- Nitroglycerin
- Vasopressors
- Beta blockers
- Calcium chloride
- Epinephrine
- Hydralazine

Critical Care Neonatal/Pediatric Crew:
- Critical Care Registered Nurse
- Critical Care Paramedic

Additional Specialists Available:
- High risk OB Nurse
- Neonatal Nurse Practitioner

Basic Life Support (BLS)

Patients Coming From:
- Emergency Department
- Medical Surgical Floor

When to Request BLS:
- Transport to home or subacute facilities
- Medical/surgical admitted patients not requiring intensive monitoring

Patient Condition Criteria:
- Awake and alert
- Stable patient - requires basic stretcher transportation
- Airway, breathing, circulation stable
- No chest pain or shortness of breath
- No signs of acute distress or deficit
- SpO2 monitoring

Current Medications:
- IV fluids and Blood

BLS Crew:
- EMT-B
- Paramedic

To request IU Health LifeLine, call 800.382.9922 for emergencies or 317.962.8350 for all other transport requests

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