

Detroit East Medical Control Authority
***Emergency* System Protocols**
COVID-19 Emergency Transportation Guidelines

Medical Patient Guidelines:

Children's Hospital of Michigan ONLY accepts patients under the age of 21.

Detroit Receiving ONLY accepts patients 18 years of age and over, except for the Trauma patients who meet the inclusion criteria.

In matters which are not a threat to life or limb, the patient will be taken to the closest appropriate facility or facility of his/her choice, unless:

- a. The patient is a minor, or incompetent, the family or guardian may choose the destination facility.
- b. Transportation to the chosen facility removes the EMS vehicle from the service area for an extended time. Consult medical control and an alternative may be considered.

No other individuals are permitted to determine destination of patient without prior approval of on-line medical control: (police, fire, bystander physician, etc.)

**Closest appropriate facility may be a facility capable of providing definitive care or, if definitive care is not readily available, resuscitative care for the patient's condition in consultation with on-line medical control or as defined by protocol.*

Patients to a Trauma Center For Patient Triage:

Follow Adult-Pediatric Trauma Protocol

All patients that are 15 years of age and above must be transported to an Adult Trauma Center (see section 7 for the list of all designated trauma centers in DEMCA).

All patients that are 14 years of age and below must be transported to a Pediatric Trauma Center (see section 7 for the list of all designated trauma centers in DEMCA).

Consideration for deviation from the protocol may occur under the following two circumstances:

- a. A patient in which the prehospital personnel is unable to establish an airway
- b. Unavailability of transport routes to a designated pediatric trauma center If the patient is not transported to a designated pediatric trauma center, they must be transported to one of the designated adult trauma centers.

In the event that a patient is not able to be transported to a designated pediatric trauma center, a written report of the event must be generated within 24 hours and submitted to the Professional Standards Review Committee.

MCA Name: Detroit East

MCA Board Approval Date: Dr. Dunne, EMS Medical Director

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Patients to a Burn Center

Follow Burn Protocol

Patients to a Stroke Center

Patients who meet the criteria for a Stroke under Stroke/Suspected Stroke Protocol should be transported to the nearest stroke center Procedures All possible strokes require pre-hospital radio contact.

Chest Pain Transportation Guidelines

Patients meeting the following guidelines should be transported to a receiving center capable of providing definitive surgical intervention for an acute myocardial infarction:

1. All possible acute myocardial infarctions require pre-hospital radio contact and,
2. if possible, pre-hospital ECG transmission to the receiving site (ST elevation of 1 mm or more in 2 contiguous leads as demonstrated by the ECG obtained in the field in the setting of patients with the acute chest pain or coronary syndrome.)

Obstetrical Pregnancy greater than 20 weeks, transport to an OB facility. Notify receiving hospital (Priority 1 and 2), as soon as possible, of impending arrival of the patient and give ETA. Follow Obstetrical Emergencies protocol for treatment