

Tier III Critical Care ALS Transport

1. **Tier III Critical Care ALS Transport Crew (System approved Tier III RN and Tier II paramedic) will confirm that patient meets criteria according to the MWLCEMS System Critical Care Transport Plan for a Tier III patient and the transfer order is in place. These are patients that are beyond the scope of Tier I and Tier II. A copy of the patient medical record and transfer forms will be obtained.**
2. Tier III Critical Care ALS Transport team will perform a face to face bedside report and assessment with the transferring nurse. Review patient chart and test results.
3. A Critical Care Transport Report form will be used and include at minimum, but not limited to:
 - a. Patient name
 - b. Transferring physician and nurse
 - c. Receiving facility and physician
 - d. Diagnosis
 - e. Allergies
 - f. Advanced Directives
 - g. Respiratory Assessment – including oxygen, oxygen saturation, capnography (when applicable), lung sounds, respiratory effort, any respiratory adjuncts in use and patients response
 - h. Cardiac Assessment – including skin parameters, VS, urine output, cardiac rhythm
 - i. Neuro assessment
 - j. Skin – Documentation of any skin breakdown, assessment of all invasive lines and tubes for skin problems
 - k. Labs – any pertinent abnormal labs
 - l. Fluids and Medications – All IV sites, fluids and rates, medications and dose infusions
 - m. Documentation of any invasive catheters
 - n. Pain assessment
 - o. Last vital signs
 - p. Any other information the provider feels is relevant
 - q. Time OLMC contacted with report
4. Transfer procedure will be explained to patient and family
5. Patient will be prepared for transport.
6. Tier III Critical Care ALS Transport nurse will call report to the Medical Control Physician prior to leaving the transferring unit. Report to include patient's assessment findings, transfer orders and plan of care.
7. MWLCEMS System Standard Operating Procedures/Standing Medical Orders, Tier I, Tier II and Tier III Critical Care Transport Standard Operating Procedures will be in effect during the transport. Any transfer orders that deviate from the MWLCEMS System Standard Operating Procedures must be discussed with and approved by the Medical Control Physician prior to transfer.
8. Vital signs and mental status will be assess and recorded every 5 minutes during transport.
9. Ongoing reassessment throughout transport
10. Any changes in the patient's condition during transport must be reported to Medical Control. This includes but is not limited to:
 - A. Deviation from patients normal vital signs
 - B. Signs of respiratory distress
 - C. Mental status changes
 - D. Cardiac dysrhythmias
11. All care will be documented in the patient care record.
12. Upon arrival at receiving facility; face to face bedside report with the receiving nurse will take place.

If at anytime during transport the patient becomes unstable the Tier III Critical Care ALS Transport paramedic will divert to the closest hospital and OLMC will be notified