

BLS Transport of Potential ALS Patients

Criteria:

BLS Transport Personnel are on scene with a patient requiring ALS evaluation and/or management and the ALS unit has a prolonged response time

1. Initiate medical management per BLS Protocols.
2. This policy guideline is intended to address times of limited resource availability outside of a Mass Casualty Incident (MCI). In the setting of a declared MCI, BLS units may transport patients per the MCI guidelines.
3. Contact and consult with the responding ALS unit(s) and arrange for one of the following
 - Transport to a rendezvous point with ALS ****OR****
 - Transport to the nearest hospital if a rendezvous with the ALS unit is anticipated to take longer than transport to the hospital,
3. The ALS unit will be responsible for
 - Deciding the course of action (Rendezvous vs. BLS Transport to nearest hospital)
 - Notify the receiving hospital that a potential ALS patient is being transported by BLS to their facility
4. The BLS Transporting unit should contact the receiving facility and provide a patient report. The BLS unit should clearly identify that the patient is an ALS patient being transported by BLS.
5. Once the call is complete and when practical, both the ALS and BLS units should notify their EMS Supervisors as well as the County EMS Quality Assurance (QA) Manager and request a QA/QI Call review.

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