



Urgent Transfer of an Intubated Patient from an ASC: Challenges and Options



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Objectives

- Compare EMS transfer options and limitations for a patient from an ASC
- Discuss legal implications associated with ambulance transfer from an ASC
- Formulate a transfer care plan for an intubated patient from an ASC


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The Dilemma

- Intubated, elderly patient necessitating transfer from an ASC operating room to main hospital




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The Options




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The Options

- BLS Ambulance
- ALS EMS
- Critical Care Transport




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BLS Ambulance

- Basic
 - Limited equipment
 - e.g. oxygen and non-invasive delivery device
 - Limited services
 - e.g. first aid





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ALS Ambulance

- ACLS
- Advanced equipment
 - Airway
 - Cardiac
- Medication administration

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Critical Care Transport

- ICU transport




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Medical Options

- Transport intubated
- Extubate and transfer



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Medicolegal Considerations

- If an anesthesiologist travels with a patient via EMS, what are the medicolegal implications?



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Medicolegal Considerations

105 CMR: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

170.310: Requirements for Additional Personnel on Ambulances

Additional personnel, beyond the minimum staffing requirements for ambulances under 105 CMR 170.305, may function on an ambulance according to the provisions listed in 105 CMR 170.310(A) and (B).

(B) A registered nurse, physician or other health care professional may render care to a patient during the transport of a patient(s) by an ambulance from a hospital or other transferring facility when designated to do so by the transferring facility.




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Outcome

- We transferred the patient intubated to BWH via MedFlight Ground Transport
- Patient scanned and taken to the OR for CSF leak repair
- Uneventful course thereafter




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