



CENTRAL DUPAGE HOSPITAL  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM  
POLICY & PROCEDURES

TITLE: SPECIALTY TEAM TRANSPORTS

SECTION: FIELD OPERATIONS

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**PURPOSE:** To provide guidance on medical oversight in the care of the patient during transport while they are in the care of a specialty team that is being transported in an ALS vehicle.

**POLICY:**

CDHEMSS vehicles fall under the Medical Control of Central DuPage Emergency Medical Services System. There may be times in which specialty teams utilize an Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance to transport patients from hospital to hospital.

NICU / Pediatric Specialty Team Transports

1. A Paramedic from the transporting ALS ambulance crew must always remain in the back of the ambulance with the patient.
  - a. The Paramedic shall be certified in Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) for all pediatric / NICU / OB specialty team transports by 01 January 2022.
2. Members of the transporting ambulance can only perform skills and administer medications within their current scope of practice and follow only CDHEMSS SOPs
3. Members of the transporting ambulance shall complete a patient care report for the transport
  - a. Procedures and vital signs performed by the specialty team members (RN, RT, MD) shall be summarized in the narrative of the patient care report.
4. Should there be a disagreement on care, course of action, or inaction based on the observations of the transporting ambulance crew, Medical Control shall be contacted immediately for direction. The ultimate authority for safe care resides with Medical Control.
  - a. Should Medical Control be contacted due any of the above circumstances, a "Request for Clarification" form shall be submitted to the EMS System at the completion of the call.

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