



CENTRAL DUPAGE HOSPITAL
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM
POLICY & PROCEDURES

TITLE: CRITICAL CARE CREWS IN ALS AMBULANCE

SECTION: VEHICLE 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 critical care crew 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 critical care crews utilize an Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance to move the patient from a helipad to the hospital, to transport a NICU team, or times in which the patient has deteriorated in medical condition and rapid ground transport is the most appropriate means of care.

During these transports:

1. A member of the transporting ALS ambulance crew must always remain in the back of the ambulance with the patient.
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
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 the crew from the transporting ALS ambulance and 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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