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AIR MEDICAL INTERFACILITY TRANSPORT CRITERIA

Clinical Situations:

- Patients have diagnostic and/or therapeutic needs which cannot be met at the referring facility &
- Factors such as time, distance, and/or level of care during transport make ground transport unfeasible

TRAUMA: best evidence to support outcome improvements from air medical transport

- Any suspected or confirmed diagnostic consideration listed under “scene” guidelines
- Initial evaluation reveals injuries or potential injuries requiring evaluation & management beyond the capabilities of the referring hospital, such as:
 - Intra-abdominal hemorrhage on CT
 - Aortic trauma suggested by widened mediastinum on chest x-ray
 - Spinal column injury with potential for spinal cord involvement

CARDIAC:

- Acute Coronary Syndrome (ACS) with time-critical need for urgent intervention (e.g., STEMI)
- Cardiogenic shock
 - Intra-aortic Balloon Pump
 - Impella
- Cardiac tamponade
- Mechanical heart disease
 - Acute cardiac rupture
 - Decompensating valvular heart disease

NEUROLOGICAL:

- Central Nervous System hemorrhage
- Spinal cord compression by mass lesion
- Evolving ischemic stroke

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS: TRANSPLANT

- Patient has met criteria for brain death & air transport is necessary for organ salvage
- Organ and/or recipient requires air transport to the transplant center in order to maintain viability of time-critical transplant

CRITICALLY ILL MEDICAL/SURGICAL PATIENTS:

- Risk for airway deterioration
- Pre-transport cardiac or respiratory arrest
- Requires continuous IV vasoactive medications or mechanical ventricular assist to maintain cardiac output
- Acute pulmonary failure and/or requirement for sophisticated pulmonary intensive care
- Severe poisoning or overdose
- Emergent dialysis requirement
- GI hemorrhage with hemodynamic compromise
- Surgical emergencies (e.g., fasciitis, aortic dissection /aneurysm or extremity ischemia)
- Pediatric patients for whom the referring facility cannot provide required evaluation and/or therapy