



TRANSPORT CONSIDERATIONS

Advanced Care Paramedicine

Module: 12

Section: 05

- Large volume of calls are for transport from facility to facility
- Can become very repetitive
- Should follow same procedure every time to nothing is overlooked in the “stressful transport”
- A little preparation before the transport will save a lot of work later on...

- Preparation should include
 - Assessment
 - Obtain all documentation
 - Transfer
 - Delivery at receiving hospital

- Nurse/Physician Report
 - Helps identify the nature of the transfer
 - Should include
 - History of event
 - History of patient
 - Pertinent treatments
 - Continued care required (equipment needed)

- Patient Assessment
 - Baseline information should be obtained prior to departure
 - C/C
 - Vitals
 - Head to Toe Assessment
 - Note any significant findings
 - Compare to last known status from hospital

- Continued Care
 - What treatments are required during the transport
 - Blood administration
 - Pacing, monitoring
 - Drug administration
 - Review all medications and doses prior to departure
 - Ask for information (or review CPS) for unknowns.

- Transport of Blood
 - Verify proper blood is being infused
 - Ask for type (A, B, AB, O, +/-)
 - If extra is being taken, verify that it is the proper type and take all required paperwork
 - Should be administered through blood set
 - Assess for interactions
 - Refer to EHSNS Interaction chart for further information

- Continued Care
 - Note all equipment/devices to be transported are working and patent
 - NG tube (Gravity, clamped or suction)
 - IV's/Locks (Fluids?, Meds?)
 - Catheters (Volume at beginning, empty if req'd)

- Is all required documentation present
 - X-Rays
 - Lab work
 - Physician Orders/Requisitions
 - DNR's
 - Contact number for sending facility incase of problems

- During transport continue to reassess the patient and note any changes
 - Vitals
 - C/C
- If changes are noted do your protocols or sending orders cover the required changes
- Contact sending facility if concerns arise

- Transfer patient to identified area
- Give complete report
 - Information obtained from sending facility
 - Provide documentation
 - Note the transport
 - Uneventful or changes that were noted