

PROGRAM POLICY

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PURPOSE: To define the responsibilities when transferring a patient from one public health care facility to another within the Regional Paramedic Program for Eastern Ontario.

REFERENCE: BLS Patient Care Standards, Section 1: "Patient Transport Standard"

POLICY: Paramedics should not accept responsibility of a patient in which care is above their scope of practice;
Paramedics may provide inter-facility transport to a patient under a physician's care if the care that is expected to be needed during the trip is within the attending paramedic's scope of practice.
If the care necessary during transport is outside of the paramedic scope of practice, the paramedic should inform the hospital and request an escort attend on behalf of the transferring facility.
If the sending hospital decides not to send an escort, the sending facility shares responsibility in determining the level of care provided during transport.

PROCEDURE:

1. Paramedics who accompany the transferred patient will assist in patient care in collaboration with the sending hospital staff, within their scope of practice.
2. Any equipment to be maintained during transport that the paramedic has not been trained on, must not be used during transport by the paramedic.
3. Paramedics can take orders for controlled medical acts from their Base Hospital Physicians, who may be contacted for online medical consultation, or from a physician escort who is present and licensed in Ontario.
4. The ACR is to be provided to the Regional Paramedic Program for Eastern Ontario as per local paramedic service agreements.
5. If the patient becomes vital signs absent while en route to hospital and paramedics obtain a termination of resuscitation order, update the Central Ambulance Call Centre (CACC) that priority has changed, state intended destination, and proceed, unless directed otherwise by CACC.
6. Complete documentation per the Ministry of Health (MOH) Documentation Standards.

Revision Record

Version number	Revision Date	Summary of Changes
1.0	August 2016	Pre-existing 2015 version reviewed as baseline for new versioning system.
1.1	July 2023	Changed reference to MOH from MOHLTC;