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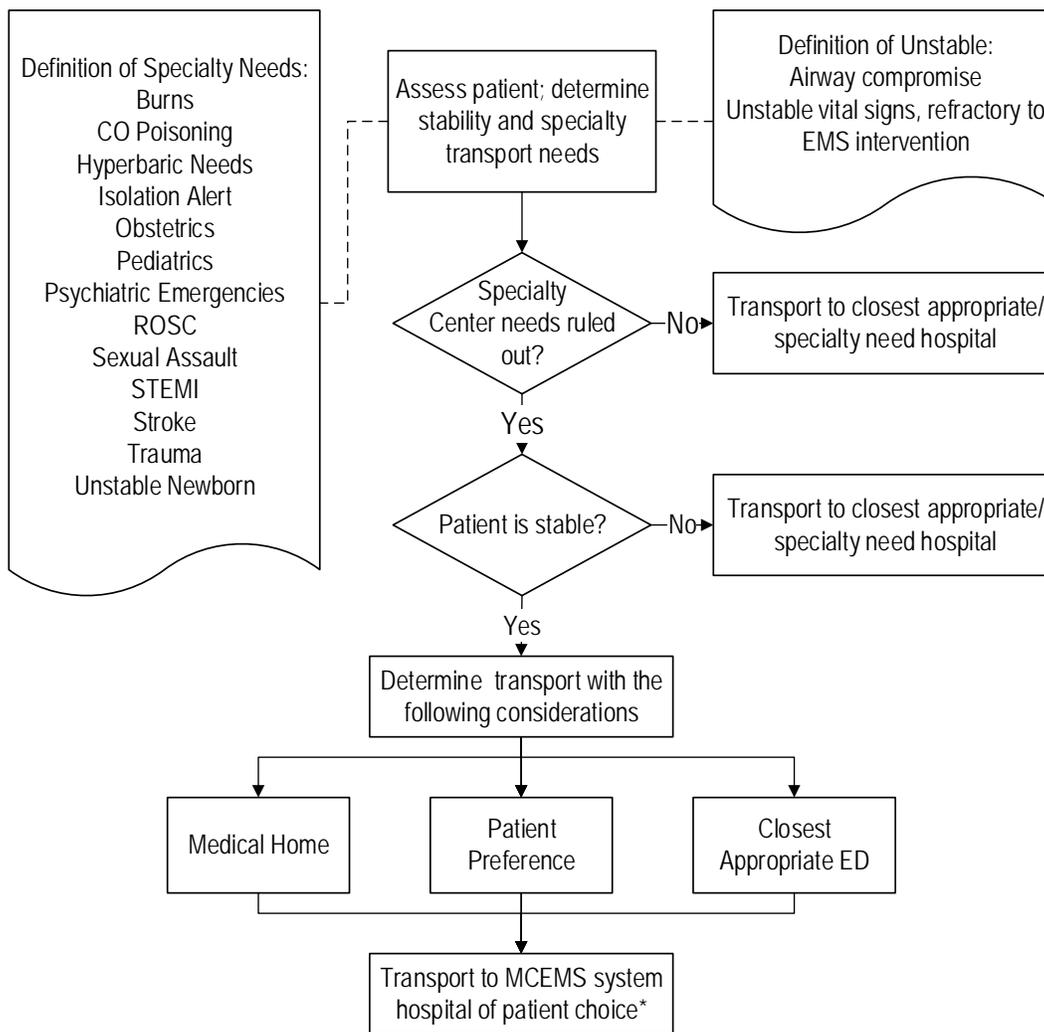
**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS
OPERATIONAL POLICY
HOSPITAL DESTINATION**

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POLICY: This policy provides principles and decision-making guidance for patients, EMS providers and hospitals within the MCEMS system.

Guiding Principles

- EMS and health care systems will partner to ensure access to safe and high quality care.
- Patients have the right to make informed health choices including hospital destination within the Milwaukee County EMS System; care outside of an informed patient care choice may impact safety, quality and economic risks.



- *EMSystem definition of Internal Disaster: Facility is closed due to internal disaster situation such as physical plant deficiency. In this case, an alternate destination is required.
- Internal Disaster is EMSystem designation recognized by MCEMS as “closing” a hospital to ambulance transport.