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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS
OPERATIONAL POLICY
TRANSPORT DESTINATION**

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POLICY: Patients are to be transported to the closest, most appropriate, open receiving hospital, taking into consideration:

- Patient's medical condition;
- Patient's request;
- Location of regular care, primary medical doctor and/or medical records;
- Insurance/HMO.

Patients in need of specialty care should be transported to the closest appropriate receiving facility, based on the following information:

Medical Emergencies :		
Aurora: Grafton Sinai St. Luke's – Milwaukee St. Luke's – South Shore West Allis Memorial/Women's Pavilion Children's Hospital and Health System Children's Hospital of Wisconsin	Columbia St. Mary's (CSM): Milwaukee Ozaukee Froedtert Health: Community Memorial Froedtert ProHealth Care: Waukesha Memorial	Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare (WFH): All Saints (Racine) Elmbrook Memorial Franklin St. Francis St. Joseph The Wisconsin Heart Hospital Zablocki VA Medical Center (VA)
Patient Assessment:	Specialty Hospital:	
STEMI (Acute MI per pre-hospital ECG) ROSC	Transport to closest hospital, <i>regardless of diversion status</i> – Aurora Grafton; St. Luke's Milwaukee; Children's Hospital of Wisconsin; CSM-Milwaukee; CSM-Ozaukee; Community Memorial, Froedtert Hospital, Waukesha Memorial; All Saints, Elmbrook Memorial, St. Francis, St. Joseph, Wheaton Franklin, WI Heart Hospital. If patient is stable and requests transport to medical home, transport to closest STEMI/ROSC hospital within medical system.	
Stroke Center – Last Known Well (LKW) less than 8 hours	Transport to closest hospital, <i>regardless of diversion status</i> – Aurora Grafton; Aurora Sinai; St. Luke's Milwaukee; West Allis Memorial; St. Luke's South Shore; Children's Hospital of Wisconsin; CSM-Milwaukee; CSM-Ozaukee; Community Memorial, Froedtert Hospital, Waukesha Memorial; Elmbrook Memorial; St. Francis; St. Joseph. If patient is stable and requests transport to medical home, transport to closest stroke hospital within medical system.	
Need for Trauma Center evaluation Burns and/or possible CO poisoning WITH major/multiple trauma	Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Froedtert Hospital	
Possible CO poisoning with altered mental status, WITHOUT burns/major trauma	Transport to the closest: St. Luke's - Milwaukee	
Significant burns (thermal, chemical or electrical) <i>with or without</i> possible CO poisoning WITHOUT major trauma	CSM - Milwaukee	
Other hyperbaric (air embolism, decompression disease, bends, SCUBA)	Transport to the closest: St. Luke's - Milwaukee	
Major pediatric illness/injury	Children's Hospital of Wisconsin	
Pediatric burns (Age <12)	Children's Hospital of Wisconsin	
Unstable newborns	Transport to the closest Neonatal Intensive Care Unit: Children's Hospital of Wisconsin	St. Joseph CSM - Milwaukee All Saints - Racine
Sexual assault - WITHOUT co-existing life threatening condition	Adults (age 18 and over): Aurora Sinai West Allis Memorial Emergency Department	Children (under age 18): Children's Hospital of Wisconsin
OB patients in labor	1. Facility where patient received their prenatal care is preferred. Hospitals never close to women in labor. <i>For gestational age less than 20 weeks, patient will be evaluated in ED.</i> 2. For imminent delivery, transport to the closest open hospital: Aurora Grafton; Aurora Sinai; West Allis Memorial; CSM-Milwaukee; CSM-Ozaukee; Community Memorial, Froedtert Hospital, Waukesha Memorial; All Saints; Elmbrook Memorial; St. Francis; St. Joseph; WI Heart Hospital	
Psychiatric Emergencies: Medical clearance needed No medical clearance needed/patient is at high risk for harm to self or others, and/or is behaviorally disruptive (should be placed on Emergency Detention) No medical clearance needed/patient is at low risk for harm to self or others (police involvement not required)	Closest Emergency Department Psychiatric Crisis Service of Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division (PCS) 1. If patient is seen in the Milwaukee County Behavioral Health system (MCBHD), transport to the Psychiatric Crisis Service (PCS) center on a voluntary basis 2. If not a patient of MCBHD, transport to closest ED for mental health evaluation	
Infection Alert: Ebola Ebola Virus Disease (EVD)	Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare - transport to St. Joseph for stable patients requesting a Wheaton Franciscan hospital All other hospital systems – transport to the closest appropriate hospital	

- NOTES:**
- No routine transport to a closed hospital under any circumstances.
 - Hospitals providing specialty services never close to their specialty.
 - WI Trac will post transport instructions for extenuating circumstances

<i>Designation by Hospital</i>							
<i>Hospital</i>	<i>Stroke</i>	<i>STEMI/ROSC</i>	<i>Trauma</i>	<i>Burn</i>	<i>Unstable Newborn</i>	<i>Hyperbaric</i>	<i>Sexual Assault</i>
Aurora Grafton	Primary						
Aurora Sinai	Primary						Over 18 years
Aurora St. Luke's (Main)	Comprehensive					CO without burns	
Aurora St. Luke's – South Shore	Primary						
Aurora West Allis	Primary						Over 18 years
Children's Hospital of Wisconsin	Primary		Under 18 years	Under 12 years			Under 18 years
Columbia St. Mary's - Milwaukee	Primary			12 years & over			
Columbia St. Mary's – Ozaukee	Primary						
Froedtert Community Memorial	Primary						
Froedtert Hospital	Comprehensive		18 years & over				
Waukesha Memorial	Primary						
Wheaton Franciscan All Saints (Racine)							
Wheaton Franciscan Elmbrook Memorial	Primary						
Wheaton Franciscan Franklin							
Wheaton Franciscan St. Francis	Primary						
Wheaton Franciscan St. Joseph	Primary						
Wheaton Franciscan Wisconsin Heart Hospital							

Note:

White box = hospital open to specialty service	Gray box = hospital does not offer specialty service; no transport
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