

O.B. PATIENT TRANSPORT

I. All pregnant patients greater than 20 weeks gestation with obstetrical related emergencies such as, but not limited to: abdominal pain, contractions, vaginal bleeding, ruptured membranes, or immediately postpartum are to be transported to a participating hospital designated as an appropriate perinatal facility for obstetrical patients (see attachment IV).

A. High risk OB patients

1. Transport pregnant patients between 20-30 weeks gestation with an obstetrical related complaint to the closest Level III perinatal hospital unless the patient is deemed unstable for additional transport time. If the patient is deemed unstable the patient should be transported to the closest perinatal facility.

A patient is considered “unstable” if they exhibit any of the following:

- Display crowning or a presenting part at the perineum
- Have brisk vaginal bleeding
- Have abnormal vital signs
- Exhibit altered mental status.

If there is any question about the “stability” of a pregnant patient, Online Medical Control should be contacted to assist with destination decisions.

2. Pregnant woman with an obstetrical related complaint stating she has been deemed a “high risk” OB patient that requires care or delivery at one of the Region’s Level III perinatal hospitals should be transported to the closest Level III hospital unless she is unstable as defined above.

II. In rare and unusual circumstances, at the EMS personnel's discretion, in consultation with OLMC, the patient may be transported to the closest appropriate facility for stabilization.

Attachment 1: List of Participating Hospitals Designated as Appropriate Perinatal Hospitals for Obstetrical Patients

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PARTICIPATING HOSPITALS DESIGNATED AS APPROPRIATE PERINATAL HOSPITALS FOR OBSTETRICAL PATIENTS

LEVEL II PERINATAL HOSPITALS

Holy Cross Hospital
Jackson Park Hospital & Medical Center
La Grange Memorial Hospital (Adventist)
Little Company of Mary Hospital & Health Care
Centers
MacNeal Hospital
Mercy Hospital & Medical Center
Metro South Medical Center - Blue Island
Norwegian-American Hospital
Resurrection Medical Center (Presence)

Roseland Community Hospital
Saint Anthony Hospital
Saint Bernard Hospital
Saint Francis Hospital - Evanston (Presence)
St. Margaret (Franciscan) (Indiana)
Saints Mary & Elizabeth Medical Center - Saint
Mary Campus (Presence)
Swedish Covenant Hospital
Trinity Hospital (Advocate)
West Suburban Hospital Medical Center

LEVEL III PERINATAL HOSPITALS

Christ Medical Center (Advocate)
Illinois Masonic Medical Center (Advocate)
Loyola University Medical Center
Lutheran General Hospital (Advocate)
Mount Sinai Hospital
Northwestern Memorial Hospital

Rush University Medical Center
Saint Joseph Hospital - Chicago (Presence)
John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County
University of Chicago Medical Center
University of Illinois Hospital and Health
Sciences System

The above hospitals are participating in the Region XI EMS System and are also designated a Level II or Level III Perinatal Hospitals as outlined in the *Illinois Regionalized Perinatal Health Care Code*.

The following Region XI Comprehensive E.D.'s are NOT designated as appropriate perinatal hospitals for obstetrical patients:

Community First Medical Center
Loretto Hospital
Lurie Children's Hospital (Ann & Robert H.)
Weiss Memorial Hospital
Provident Hospital of Cook County
South Shore Hospital
Thorek Memorial Hospital