



REGION 11 CHICAGO EMS SYSTEM POLICY	Title: O.B. Patient Transport
	Section: Transportation
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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 1).

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

Humboldt Park Health (formerly Norwegian American Hospital)	Saint Anthony Hospital
Little Company of Mary Hospital & Health Care Centers (OSF HealthCare)	St. Margaret (Franciscan) (Indiana)
MacNeal Hospital	Saints Mary & Elizabeth Medical Center - Saint Mary Campus (AMITA Health)
Resurrection Medical Center (AMITA Health)	Swedish Hospital (part of NorthShore)
Roseland Community Hospital	Trinity Hospital (Advocate)
	West Suburban Hospital Medical Center

LEVEL III PERINATAL HOSPITALS

Christ Medical Center (Advocate)	Saint Joseph Hospital - Chicago (AMITA Health)
Illinois Masonic Medical Center (Advocate)	John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County
Loyola University Medical Center	University of Chicago Medical Center
Lutheran General Hospital (Advocate)	University of Illinois Hospital and Health Sciences System
Mount Sinai Hospital	
Northwestern Memorial Hospital	
Rush University Medical Center	

The following Region 11 Comprehensive E.D.'s are NOT designated as appropriate perinatal hospitals for obstetrical patients:

Community First Medical Center
Holy Cross Hospital
Jackson Park Hospital & Medical Center
La Grange Memorial Hospital (AMITA Health)
Loretto Hospital
Lurie Children's Hospital (Ann & Robert H.)
Saint Bernard Hospital
Saint Francis Hospital - Evanston (AMITA Health)
South Shore Hospital
Thorek Memorial Hospital
Weiss Memorial Hospital

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