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| <b>REGION 11<br/>CHICAGO EMS SYSTEM<br/>POLICY</b> | Title: Obstetric Patient Transport         |
|  | Section: Transportation                    |
|  | Approved: EMS Medical Directors Consortium |
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## **OBSTETRIC 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 Obstetrical 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” obstetrical 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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Attachment 1

## PARTICIPATING HOSPITALS DESIGNATED AS APPROPRIATE PERINATAL HOSPITALS FOR OBSTETRICAL PATIENTS

### LEVEL II PERINATAL HOSPITALS

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| Humboldt Park Health (formerly Norwegian American Hospital)<br>Little Company of Mary Hospital & Health Care Centers (OSF HealthCare)<br>MacNeal Hospital<br>Resurrection Medical Center (AMITA Health)<br>Roseland Community Hospital | Saint Anthony Hospital<br>Saints Mary & Elizabeth Medical Center - Saint Mary Campus (AMITA Health)<br>Swedish Hospital (part of NorthShore)<br>Trinity Hospital (Advocate)<br>West Suburban Hospital Medical Center |
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### LEVEL III PERINATAL HOSPITALS

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