



**REGION 11  
CHICAGO EMS SYSTEM  
POLICY**

Title: Perinatal (Obstetric/Neonatal) Patient Destination
Section: Transportation
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**PERINATAL (OBSTETRIC/NEONATAL)  
PATIENT DESTINATION**

**I. OBSTETRIC PATIENTS:** 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 an appropriate Perinatal Center (see attachment 1).

**A. High Risk Obstetric Patients**

1. Transport pregnant patients between 20-30 weeks gestation with an obstetrical related complaint to the closest Level III Perinatal Center 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 Center.

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 a Level III Perinatal Center should be transported to the closest Level III unless she is unstable as defined above.

**II. NEONATAL PATIENTS**

- A. Full term newborns (39 weeks estimated gestation age or more) should be transported to a Level II or Level III Perinatal Center.
- B. Preterm newborns (less than 39 weeks estimated gestation age) should be transported to a Level III Perinatal Center.

**III.** 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: Perinatal Centers



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## **PERINATAL CENTERS**

### **LEVEL III PERINATAL CENTERS**

Advocate Christ Medical Center  
Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center  
Advocate Lutheran General Hospital  
Ascension Saint Joseph Hospital, Chicago  
John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook  
County

Loyola University Medical Center  
Mount Sinai Hospital  
Northwestern Memorial Hospital  
Rush University Medical Center  
UChicago Medicine  
UI Health

### **LEVEL II PERINATAL CENTERS**

Advocate Trinity Hospital  
Ascension Resurrection Medical Center  
Ascension Saints Mary & Elizabeth  
Medical Center - Saint Mary Campus  
Endeavor Health Swedish Hospital  
Humboldt Park Health

Loyola MacNeal Hospital  
OSF Little Company of Mary Medical Center  
Roseland Community Hospital  
Saint Anthony Hospital  
West Suburban Medical Center

### **NO OBSTETRIC SERVICES AVAILABLE**

Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of  
Chicago  
Ascension Saint Francis Hospital  
Community First Medical Center  
Holy Cross Hospital  
Insight Hospital & Medical Center  
Jackson Park Hospital & Medical Center

Loretto Hospital  
Provident Hospital of Cook County  
South Shore Hospital  
St. Bernard Hospital  
Thorek Memorial Hospital  
Weiss Memorial Hospital

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