



<b>REGION 11 CHICAGO EMS SYSTEM POLICY</b>	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  
 Edward Hines, Jr. Veterans Affairs Hospital  
 Holy Cross Hospital  
 Insight Hospital & Medical Center  
 Jackson Park Hospital & Medical Center

Jesse Brown Veterans Affairs 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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