

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT POLICIES

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Patient Population

Neonate	√
Pediatric	√
Adolescent	√
Adult	√
Geriatric	√

POLICY:

The 911 FDNY EMS System has developed a network of Specialty Referral Centers (SRCs) for treatment of patients requiring specialty care for Trauma, Burn, Replant, Hyberbaric Therapy, Poisonous Envenomations, and Spinal Cord Injuries. The majority of patients with these conditions are transported from the scene directly to the appropriate SRC. When patients with these medical problems arrive at a local 911 ambulance destination, consideration is given to transfer, if appropriate, to an SRC.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Please see FDNY Advisory, attached pages 1-10.

The transfer to the nearest available appropriate SRC will be coordinated and arranged by calling the Tour Commander in the EMS Communications center at (718) 416-7718. It is important that the caller identify the patient as a candidate for a SRC and not use the routine medical transfer numbers. Do not call the SRC initially; however, physician to physician contact should be initiated by the sending hospital following identification of the appropriate, available SRC by the EMS Tour Commander. If a patient is being transferred from a hospital to a SRC, the sending hospital is always responsible for the maintenance of an appropriate level of medical care for the entire transport. The following SRCs have been designated:

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TRAUMA CENTER

Bellevue Hospital Center	212-562-4141
NY Hospital Medical Ctr. Of Queens	718-670-1231
Brookdale Hospital	718-240-5000
Bronx Municipal hospital Center (Jacobi)	718-918-5000
Elmhurst Hospital Center	718-334-4000
Harlem Hospital	212-939-1000
Jamaica Hospital	718-262-6000
Kings County Hospital Center	718-745-3131
New York Hospital/Cornell Medical Center	212-746-5454
Lincoln Hospital	718-579-5000
Mary Immaculate Hospital	718-558-2000
St. Luke's Hospital	212-523-4000
St. Vincent's Hospital (New York)	212-790-7000
The Staten Island Trauma Program	718-226-9000

BURN CENTERS

Bronx Municipal Hospital Center (Jacobi)	718-918-5000
Harlem Hospital Center	212-939-1000
New York Hospital/Cornell Medical Center	212-746-5454

REPLANT CENTERS

Bellevue Hospital Center	212-562-4141
Montefiore Hospital	718-920-4321

SPINAL INJURY CENTER

Bellevue Hospital Center	212-562-4141
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VENOMOUS BITE CENTER

Bronx Municipal Hospital Center (Jacobi)	718-918-5000
Bronx Zoo	718-220-5042 (after 5 p.m. 718-430-6494)

HYPERBARIC MEDICINE

Bronx Municipal Hospital Center (Jacobi)	718-918-7520 (days) or 718-918-5800 (24 hours)
Nassau County Medical Center	516-572-5299

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The requests for transfer of patients to these SRCs should be made through the EMS Communications Center, so that an equitable and efficient distribution of patients will occur and transfer arrangements may be in an expeditious manner

FDNY - EMS CRITERIA FOR TRANSPORT TO A NYC 911 TRAUMA CENTER

A. Penetrating Trauma

1. All penetrating injuries of the trunk (including front and buttock), head or neck
2. All penetrating injuries of the extremity with accompanying hypotension

B. Blunt Trauma

1. All blunt trauma with accompanying hypotension.
2. All patients with multiple trauma resulting in pelvic fracture, or two or more long bone fractures.
3. All patients with at least one long bone or pelvic fracture associated with thorax or abdominal injury.
4. All patients who have fallen two or more stories.
5. All surviving passengers of fatal high speed motor vehicle accidents who have complaints of injury.
6. All pedestrians who have sustained significant injuries as a result of being struck by a moving vehicle.
7. All patients with CNS injuries with a history or the presence of any of the following:
 - a. loss of consciousness
 - b. posturing lateralizing signs
 - c. open cranial injury
 - d. paralysis
 - e. head injury with significant symptoms such as severe headache, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, amnesia or double vision
 - f. Patients with blunt trauma to the chest with respiratory and/or signs of multiple rib fractures

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8. Patients with blunt trauma to the chest with respiratory insufficiency and/or signs of multiple rib fractures
- C. Injuries to the extremities with vascular compromise
- D. Burn patients who have associated hemorrhage should be treated as trauma patients
- E. Trauma Score
All trauma patients with a trauma score of 13 or less

EXCEPTIONS:

Patients meeting the criteria noted above are to be transported by EMS directly to a trauma center unless they are both;

- 1.) In extremis and
- 2.) More than twenty (20) minutes from a designated trauma center

The transporting EMS unit must notify the dispatcher if a trauma center candidate is being diverted to a nearby 911 Receiving Hospital in accordance with the above exception. EMS Communications will notify the hospital and note the diversion in the job text.

Any hospital which is aware of a violation of either portion of the Exception Policy should immediately notify the Medical Director for EMS at (718) 694-2790.

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**CRITERIA FOR INTER-FACILITY TRANSPORT
OF SPINE INJURED PATIENTS**

1. Victims with suspected spinal cord injury resulting from trauma, with one or more of the following:
 - A. Loss of sensory and/or motor function
 - B. Priapism
 - C. Pain along the spinal column or radiating pain in arms and/or legs, associated with partial or full paralysis
2. Victims should be otherwise stable.
3. Care of Spine Injured Patient

General Emergency Care Guidelines

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Spine Board

Full head, neck, and trunk immobilization

Immediate physician to physician consultation regarding methylprednisolone treatment is strongly recommended.

Call Bellevue Hospital Center

0900- 1700 (212) 562-4141

After 1700 p.m. and weekends, ask for Neurosurgical resident on-call at (212) 562-414, extension 4901 for Neurosurgery.

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REFERRAL AND CONSULTATION SERVICES

Ambulance transport and rescue services	1-718-416-7000
Medical Examiner	EMS- non-emergency 447-2030
Police 23rd Precinct	860-6411
Radiological Emergency Services	241-7401
State and local health departments	442-1999
Tissue and Organ Donation Center	800-Gift-4-NY (800-443-8469)

ANTIVENOM SERVICES

First Call: Bronx Zoo - Telephone #718-220-5042

0800- 1700 daily

all other times dial their answering service

telephone #718-430-6494 ask for Snake Bite Consultants

Second Call: Bronx Municipal Hospital Center (Jacobi Hospital)

Emergency Department Telephone #718-430-5121 ask for Snake Bite

Consultants

HYPERBARIC OXYGEN THERAPY SERVICES

First Call: Bronx Municipal Hospital Center (Jacobi Hospital)

Telephone # 718-918-7520 (days) or 718-918-5800 (24 hour)

Second Call: Nassau County Medical Center 516-572-5299

Other references:

1. CO Poisoning (Smoke Inhalation)
New York City Poison Control Center
telephone # (212) P-O-I-S-O-N-S
2. Diving Accidents
The National Diving Accident Network - D.A.N.
Duke University Medical Center - Durham, NC
telephone # (916) 684-8111
Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Service Systems -
Baltimore, MD telephone # (410) 706-3100