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Section 10-10

Transportation and Destination Guidelines

Medical Control Authorities choosing to adopt this supplement may do so by selecting this check box. Adopting this supplement changes or clarifies the referenced protocol or procedure in some way. This supplement supersedes, clarifies, or has authority over the referenced protocol. This protocol will only be used by SPRN trained individuals.

Purpose:

This protocol is to assist inter-facility transport of patients believed to be infected with a “*special pathogen*” to a hospital that may be outside of the local Medical Control Authority.

Definition:

“*Special pathogen*” refers to highly infectious diseases, including hemorrhagic viral diseases (HVDs) such as Ebola and similar infections.

Transport Destination Decision

1. The patient will be transported to the closest appropriate hospital capable of providing the services needed. *The closest appropriate hospital may be outside of an agency’s primary service area.*
2. Inter-facility transport of patients is permitted by pre-identified transport teams to hospitals that may originate and end outside of the transporting agency’s Medical Control Authority when no local pre-identified specialty transport team is available.