

STANDARD OF CARE

Transport of Ventilated Patients.



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Purpose:

The purpose of this Standard of Care is to outline the standards for transporting ventilated patients, for different levels of care, at Brighton Volunteer Ambulance.

Scope:

This SOC will apply to all employees providing patient care for all patients on a ventilator. This does not replace the MLREMS Refusal of Care guidelines but is intended to set Standards and Guidelines for what each Level of Care should do when transporting, or considering transporting these patients, and when Medical Control should be contacted for further help or evaluation.

Guidelines(divided by EMS level of care):

General:

- If BVA is called for a confirmed ventilator patient, every effort to secure a ventilator technician will be made. Patient condition should also play into timeliness of response.
- If a BVA ventilator technician or paramedic is not available, request a Mutual Aid ventilator technician or Paramedic as soon as possible.
- ALL Ventilator patients must go ALS, if no ALS or ventilator technician available, contact Medical Control as soon as possible for direction regarding appropriate level of care for transport.
- If a Respiratory Therapist decides to ride along, please document RT name and level of care, and what they did during transport. RT can assist with patient care during transport but are not in charge of overall patient care.

SCT/Paramedic:

- All patients must be transported to Advanced Life Support. This includes advanced assessment and any treatment by Protocol and Guidelines.
- Capnography, Pulse Oximetry, and 4 lead EKG minimum for all patients.
- Ventilator settings will be copied and used for transport on all patients and documented. Any changes must be documented.

EMT:

- Must call for a ventilator technician upon receipt of a ventilator dependent patient.

- If no ventilator technician is available, Paramedic/ALS must be requested as soon as possible.
- In the event that no SCT/Paramedic/ventilator technician is available, Contact Medical Control as soon as possible for direction regarding appropriate level of care for transport.
- If a Respiratory Therapist is available, and willing to transport a patient with a BLS crew, Medical Control must be contacted for approval before initiation of transport.
- Document RT name and all procedures done during patient care.