

Rendering aid to sick and injured individuals has been a human concern for thousands of years. The desire to help someone else is strongly ingrained in us. Equally ingrained, is the hope that if we are sick or injured, someone will be there to care for us.

Today, medical transportation is a vital aspect of medicine. Although medical transportation only became a staple of the medical community in 1973, the history of medical transportation starts long ago.

Hello, welcome to the first lesson in this topic on Transport Operations – Medical Transportation Services. We will run through some basic introduction about different types of services we provide to patients during critical times. Good Studying.

Medical Transportation Services | Introduction

- Medical emergency situations
- Decision making during critical times
- Patient Transfers
- Closest Hospital?
- Most appropriate care?



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Transfer of patients in medical emergencies is one of our essential missions.

As an EMS provider, we have to decide during critical times when and where our patient needs to be taken. We are often challenged with patients who are either so sick or require specific, time-sensitive interventions that indicate transport to the closest hospital. However, we also consider destinations with better capability to deal with the patient's condition, but may take more time to reach.

Our Transport operations also manage patient transfers from one facility to another. These transfers may require special care and time-sensitive movements.

Medical Transportation Services | Types

- Emergency
  - ✓ ALS or BLS
  - ✓ Air or Ground
- Non-emergency
  - ✓ Ambulatory transportation
  - ✓ Door to Door
  - ✓ Curb to Curb
  - ✓ Wheelchair
  - ✓ Stretcher



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Broadly categorized into two, the type of medical transportation service depends on whether the situation is emergency or non-emergency. For emergency transport, we may require a B LS or ALS transport. Sometimes, we need an ALS intercept. Medical control should be involved in ALS decisions. Our equipment should support both types of transport, but ALS staff can provide additional treatment en route that may be critical to the patient's outcome.

Transport may include air medical, which we discuss in

another lesson. Both emergency and non-emergency transport may be local, regional, or international.

Ambulatory transportation is the most common form of non-emergency transport. It is for patients who do not need equipment to travel and who are able to walk or only need basic assistance. You may work for a service that provides other types of non-emergency transport, including door to door, curb to curb, stretcher, and Wheelchair transports.

Next, Justin will discuss the History of the ambulance with you.