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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS
OPERATIONAL POLICY
TRANSPORT DESTINATION**

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POLICY: Patients are to be transported to the closest, most appropriate, open receiving hospital, taking into consideration:

- Patient's medical condition;
- Patient's request;
- Location of regular care, primary medical doctor and/or medical records;
- Insurance/HMO.

Patients in need of specialty care should be transported to the closest appropriate receiving facility, based on the following information:

Medical Emergencies :		
Aurora: Sinai St. Luke's – Milwaukee St. Luke's – South Shore West Allis Memorial/Women's Pavilion Children's Hospital and Health System Children's Hospital of Wisconsin	Columbia St. Mary's (CSM): Columbia Milwaukee Ozaukee Froedtert and Community Health: Community Memorial Froedtert Memorial Lutheran ProHealth Care: Waukesha Memorial	Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare (WFH): All Saints – St. Mary's Medical Center (Racine) Elmbrook Memorial Franklin St. Francis St. Joseph The Wisconsin Heart Hospital Zablocki VA Medical Center (VA)
Patient Assessment:	Specialty Hospital:	
STEMI (Acute MI per pre-hospital ECG)	Transport to the closest, most appropriate, open hospital except: Elmbrook Memorial, St. Luke's – South Shore, West Allis Memorial, VA, CSM – Milwaukee, WFH - Franklin	
Need for Trauma Center evaluation Burns and/or possible CO poisoning WITH major/multiple trauma	Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Froedtert Memorial Lutheran	
Possible CO poisoning with altered mental status, WITHOUT burns/major trauma	Transport to the closest: St. Luke's - Milwaukee CSM – Milwaukee	
Significant burns (thermal, chemical or electrical) <i>with or without</i> possible CO poisoning WITHOUT major trauma	CSM - Milwaukee	
Other hyperbaric (air embolism, decompression disease, bends)	Transport to the closest: St. Luke's - Milwaukee CSM - Milwaukee	
Major pediatric illness/injury	Children's Hospital of Wisconsin	
Pediatric burns (Age <8)	Children's Hospital of Wisconsin	
Unstable newborns	Transport to the closest Neonatal Intensive Care Unit: Children's Hospital of Wisconsin St. Joseph CSM - Milwaukee Sinai	
Sexual assault - WITHOUT co-existing life threatening condition	Adults (age 18 and over): Sinai West Allis Memorial Emergency Department Children (under age 18): Children's Hospital of Wisconsin	
OB patients in labor	1. Facility where patient received their prenatal care is preferred. Hospitals never close to women in labor. 2. For imminent delivery, transport to the closest hospital, except VA, St. Luke's – Milwaukee, St. Luke's - South Shore, CSM – Columbia, WFH - Franklin	
Psychiatric Emergencies:		
Medical clearance needed	Closest Emergency Department	
No medical clearance needed/patient is at high risk for harm to self or others, and/or is behaviorally disruptive (should be placed on Emergency Detention)	Psychiatric Crisis Service of Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division (PCS)	
No medical clearance needed/patient is at low risk for harm to self or others (police involvement not required)	1. If patient is seen in the Milwaukee County Behavioral Health system (MCBHD), transport to the Psychiatric Crisis Service (PCS) center on a voluntary basis 2. If not a patient of MCBHD, transport to closest Emergency Department for mental health evaluation	

NOTES:

- No patient should be transported to a closed hospital under any circumstances.
- Hospitals providing specialty services never close to their specialty.
- WITrac will post transport instructions for extenuating circumstances.