Physician decision to transport

EMERGENT *

Transfer to a higher level of care facility needing admission or consultation. Examples include:
- STEMI
- Neurosurgical requiring immediate intervention
- Surgical Aortic Dissection

Urgent / Non-Emergent *

Transfer to a higher level of care facility needing admission or consultation.

Examples include:
- Pediatric
- OB ≥ 20 weeks gestation
- Trauma consult
- Neurosurgical

CALL 911 **

Transfer agency responds

Acceptable response time ***

Non-acceptable response time ***

CALL 911 **

* Consider patient’s medical care needs (e.g. vents, IV drip medications, IABP) when choosing appropriate ALS care during transfer.

** Patients being transported by 911 should be ready for EMS transport within approximately 10 minutes after the arrival of EMS personnel at the transferring facility.

*** Acceptable/non-acceptable response times determined by the patient’s medical care needs and not by the needs of the transferring facility.

This inter-facility transfer protocol is established to further define existing Broward County Ordinances to best protect the healthcare interests and well being of the citizens of Broward County, while acting as an active steward of our EMS resources.

For questions or concerns, please contact Office of Medical Examiner and Trauma Services, Trauma and EMS section (954) 357-5200.