

Transportation and Destination Guidelines

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.