



Oakland County Medical Control Authority
System Protocols
AIRCRAFT TRANSPORTATION

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Section 8.9

Aircraft Transportation

Indications

To be used only if one or more of the following are met:

1. The speed of the transport from the scene to definitive care may have an impact on patient outcome.
2. When special equipment on-board the aircraft is anticipated.
3. When special skills and expertise of the flight crew is anticipated, such as chest tube insertion RSI, blood products, etc.
4. When search, rescue and transport of victims is inaccessible by ground transport systems.
5. EMT, Paramedic, or EMS ground crew discretion.

General Guidelines

1. Only Oakland County Medical Control Authority approved air medical services can operate in Oakland County and may be requested (See below). In the event of an MCI, refer to the **10.6 MCI Protocol**.
2. Any Oakland County Life Support Agency and/or dispatch personnel may request air-medical transportation. Requesting Agency or at least one agency member on scene must have training in helicopter landing zone preparation and safety for emergency scenes.
3. Fixed-winged aircraft (non-rotary) must use most appropriate airport.
4. All pre-hospital requests for air medical transport will be reviewed by the PSRO Committee. All LSA's involved will provide their PCR to the OCMCA within 72 hours.

Procedure for Activation of Helicopter Transport

1. Request for helicopter service response can be made through dispatch or via direct contact (see below).
2. Medical control approval is implied under this protocol and direct communication is not required.
3. The helicopter may be cancelled at any time by the ground provider on scene.

Safety

1. Do not approach the helicopter unless signaled to do so by the pilot and/or flight crew.
2. Loading and unloading of the patient and/or equipment is done at the discretion of the pilot and/or flight crew.
3. Make sure to follow all outlines as provided in Landing Zone training courses.

Patient Destination

MCA Oakland County

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1. Patient will be transported to the closest appropriate Emergency Facility according to the OCMCA transportation policy.
2. Patient, family, or FD/EMS requests will be honored when appropriate.

Aircraft Dispatch Notification (24/7 Operations Only)

The Oakland County Medical Control Authority recognizes the following aircraft companies available for emergency calls 24/7. Note: Only Oakland County EMS and dispatch personnel may request air medical transport.

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Telephone Number</u>	<u>Location of Helicopter</u>
Medstar LifeFlight	888-476-0005	Troy
U of M Survival Flight	800 822-2233	Ann Arbor