

Emergency Transport: Nursing Responsibilities

Communication Essentials

Communication with receiving institution by MD

Patient and family are informed collaboratively by MD and RN

Primary Nurse communicates with receiving transport team:

 Patient's name, DOB, age, and weight

 Diagnosis

 Referring MD

 Airway status

 Neurological status

 Recent vital signs

 # IV (including drips)

 Specialized equipment needed

Safety Issues

- Report current weather conditions
- For helicopter transports:
 - Stay clear of tail rotor
 - Approach helicopter only when directed
 - Secure open door with strap

Nursing Assessments Prior to Transport

- Stabilize airway
- Ensure O2 therapy
- Working ambu bag
- Ensure working suction
- 2 Large bore IVs
- Secure IV lines
- Secure foley
- Cardiac monitor
- Assess temp

Nursing Responsibilities

- Copy chart
- Copies of x-rays & CT
- Cobra Form
- Medical necessity form
- Consent to treat