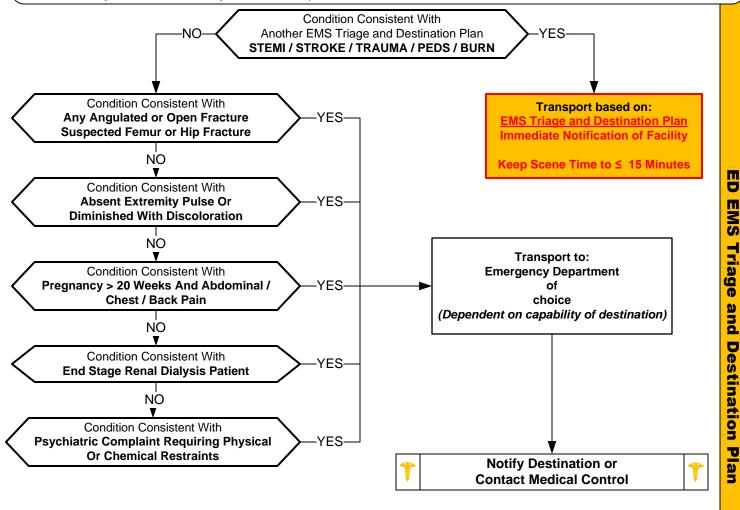


The Purpose of this plan is to:

- * Rapidly identify patients who should bypass LifeBrite Community Hospital of Stokes based on chief complaint / condition.
- * Provide quality EMS service and patient care to the citizens of Stokes County.
- * Continuously evaluate the EMS System based on performance measures.



Pearls and Definitions

- THIS PLAN REFERS ONLY TO LIFEBRITE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL OF STOKES.
- Hierarchy of transport decisions: 1. Patient choice 2. Triage and Destination Plans 3. Facility capability.
- Cardiac arrest with ROSC requires transport to FMC, Moses H. Cone, or WFBMC.
- Any patient who requests transport to LifeBrite Community Hospital of Stokes should be transported to the facility unless they meet an existing Triage and Destination Protocol or meet an exclusion criteria listed above.
- Dr. Kirk Sanders / Dr. Ben Schmidt / David Sanders, PA:

Patients who identify these providers as their primary healthcare provider should be transported to LifeBrite Community Hospital of Stokes unless they meet an existing Triage and Destination Protocol or meet an exclusion criterial listed above.

- NIPPV:
 - Facility is capable of providing care to patients requiring NIPPV (CPAP or BiPap).
- Facility is open 24 hours per day and is capable of stabilizing, diagnosing and treating all emergency conditions. If you need assistance in stabilizing your patient go to nearest emergency department including LifeBrite of Stokes.
- Notification to emergency department should occur via radio unless in depth discussion on appropriateness of transport to LifeBrite is required and would be better done by telephone.
- When in doubt about appropriateness of transport, contact facility and discuss situation with emergency provider.
- This plan precludes conditions of disaster or other compelling issues such as extreme delay of care at a hospital based emergency department or patient instability such as emergent need for airway intervention.