



TARMAC TRIAGE INFORMATION SHEET

'Reducing Late Secondary Transfers'

Tarmac Triage is a procedure that offers 'Rear of Ambulance' patient transport decisions to an alternate hospital before planned and unplanned Emergency Department (ED) closures.

What is it?

- Rear of Ambulance assessment by an ED physician upon arrival at the site that is closing

When does it happen?

- In the 2 hours prior to closure of an ED – physician comes to ambulance within 5 minutes of your arrival

What do I need to do?

1. Prepare patient for possible transfer (see script below)
2. Notify ED staff about incoming patient while enroute
3. If needed, aid transfer of patient to nearest available ED

BCEHS SCRIPT FOR PATIENT

Pre-Arrival:

"Emergency Room in Chase is closing shortly. We will get you there in time for a doctor to see you."

During Transport to Larger Hospital:

"The physician who saw you in Chase where the emergency room is closing, recognized that you need further testing and treatment. We will be taking you to Kamloops– larger site'.

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