


Section: Patient Transport  
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1. All rescue companies shall expedite the transfer of patients to hospital staff upon arrival at the receiving facility.
2. Initial medical documentation, cleaning of the apparatus and equipment, and the reorganization of supplies with the company being returned to an in-service status should routinely be completed within thirty (30) minutes or less.
3. Twenty (20) minutes after the rescue company arrives at the receiving facility, EDC will consider that unit for possible response if needed due to a lack of coverage.
  - a. **All crews will monitor the dispatch frequency** while at the receiving facility and respond in a timely manner when possible.
  - b. If the response will be delayed for any reason, contact EDC immediately and advise them of your situation.
4. Problems encountered at the receiving facility, which delay the transfer of patients or prevent the crew from returning to service within forty-five (45) minutes, will be documented and reported to the Battalion Chief.