

HAZMAT Transport: Contaminated Patient

Safety of flight crew must never be compromised.
Contaminated patients will not be placed in the aircraft.

Assess scene/ patient safety

Position Helicopter well away from the incident. Approach from upwind and uphill. ①

SAFE ?
②

No

Request assistance from appropriate agency

Agency responding assesses scene, determines safety, allows OR denies access to the patient.

Discuss case and hazards involved with referring and receiving

SAFE ?
②

Yes

No

Cancel Flight and assist with ground transport if necessary. Contact receiving hospital and provide patient report.

Crew attends Transport ?

Yes

No

Pilot returns heli to base or flies to ground transport destination to pick up crew.

HAZMAT or Fire will be responsible for the initial decontamination and packaging. Flight crew may only assist when under the direct Supervision of the HAZMAT team.

Transport to closest appropriate facility and Monitor Closely ③

Return to base

1. Isolate scene and keep others away
2. If at any time the crew feels the situation is unsafe, he/she may cancel the flight.
3. The receiving facility must have suitable decontaminating capabilities. This should be determined ASAP.