



Maternal Newborn Program
Escalation of Care: Emergency Transfers out of BCWH
(Interim Procedure)
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What's New?	<p>This interim procedure formalizes transfers and preparation for a transfer in a Basic Life Support Ambulance (requires extra equipment and BCWH) when a critical ambulance is <u>not</u> available. The prep includes a transport checklist. A transfer form is to be filled out by nursing to assist in the communication between healthcare partners during a patient transfer.</p> <p>Escalation Of Care: Emergency Transfers Out Of BCWH (Interim Procedure)</p>
Why?	<p>We anticipate there may be more patients that have to be transferred out of BCWH to a higher level of care. For now, this document is considered interim as the process is unique to the COVID pandemic and may need to change at any time. We plan to formalize this procedure by October 15 after we do simulations and learn from cases.</p>
How does this affect my practice?	<p>The policy formalizes how we transfer the patient out of BCWH. Familiarize yourself with the policy, the transfer form and the transport checklist. It may be different to how you are used to transferring patients.</p>
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