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1. Transport major trauma patients to _____ hospital in _____ as per our trauma transport plan. Minor trauma patients may be transported to _____ hospital in _____.
2. Transport patients suspected of Stroke, as per the stroke protocol, to _____ hospital in _____.
3. Transport medical patients to the nearest hospital. You may bypass a hospital to transport to another hospital that is more capable in treating the patient's condition with concurrence of medical control or with a physician's order.
4. Patients with life threatening conditions or symptoms (e.g., airway obstruction, cardiac arrest, anaphylaxis, etc.) should be transported directly to the nearest hospital.
5. If a patient's condition is stable and he/she is requesting transport to a hospital that is farther away the ambulance may honor that request under the following conditions:
 - Medical control or medical direction has concurred.
 - Additional transport time will not adversely affect the patient's condition.
 - The patient has been advised and understands that insurance may not cover the additional expense of a longer transport.
 - Weather and road conditions are acceptable.
 - The additional transport time will not place the service area uncovered for an unreasonable amount of time.
6. When the difference in estimated transport times to more than one hospital is less than ten minutes, the hospitals may be presumed to be of equal transport distance.

Medical Director's Signature

Date

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