**Guideline for Emergency Transfer with a Nurse**

The sending facility will endeavor to send appropriate equipment (monitor for pacing if required, medication, etc.) and staff to manage the patient.

Both paramedics and the Nurse will meet before the patient is loaded onto the stretcher to identify:

1. The Level of Care of the Paramedics: Advanced Care Paramedic (ACP), Primary Care Paramedic (PCP)
	* 1. *PCP can perform basic life support skills/defibrillate*
		2. *ACP can perform advanced life support skills*
2. Patient history, diagnosis and current status
3. Establish roles of each person should the patient’s condition deteriorate while on transfer
4. Nurse accompanying the patient should ensure they are familiar with the EMS transport monitor and its capabilities. Primary care paramedics can only defibrillate. Therefore if pacing or cardioversion may be required and you are travelling with a primary care paramedic, bring our ED Zoll R Series monitor from ED.

\*The sending facility nurse is responsible for care provided during transfer, however one paramedic will be in the patient compartment at all times and will assist with patient care as long as it is within their scope.

**Primary Care Paramedics (PCP):**

**Brady/Tachy Arrhythmias**- Paramedic will assist with BLS skills. PCP’s cannot treat these arrhythmias.

**Cardiac Arrest**- Paramedic will assist RN by operating their Zoll X-Series Monitor, defibrillating and/or performing chest compressions.

*PCPs cannot perform cardioversion/pacing – therefore if this is/may be required, bring a Zoll R Series monitor from ED as you are familiar/trained with the use of this monitor.*

**Advanced Care Paramedics (ACP):**

**Brady/Tachy Arrhythmias**- ACP will assist RN escort with appropriate interventions. If electricity (initiating of pacing/cardioversion) is required Transfer of Care may occur from the RN to the ACP for initiation of ACP protocols.

**Cardiac Arrest**- ACP will assist the RN by operating their Zoll X- Series, defibrillating and/or performing chest compressions. Transfer of Care may occur between RN and ACP if required.

**The Nurse must contact the sending physician (705) 753-3110 ext. 230 to notify them of patient’s change in status and for directions/medical orders – always ensure you have a cellular device available while on transfer in the event you have to contact the sending Physician.**

**EMS Crew (PCP/ACP) will patch to their base hospital, to attain further direction & to determine the need to turn around to sending facility or to continue to the receiving facility based upon their location.**

**EMS PROTOCOL IS TO STOP THE AMBULANCE WHEN ASSESSING CARDIAC RHYTHM AND/OR DEFIBRILATING PATIENTS.**