

Please have someone available to communicate pertinent details to the Communications Officer, Transport Medicine Physician or Paramedic. Physician to Physician communication is often helpful and there is a Transport Medicine Physician available 24/7.

Please ensure to verify with Ornge whether or not a parent can accompany the child.

Please prepare/consider the following before the crew arrives:

- **Patient Information**
- **Monitoring and Treatment**
- **Ornge Transport Team Arrival**

› PATIENT INFORMATION

- Incident history and relevant past medical history.
- Medications and allergies.
- Treatment and response to treatment, equipment, ongoing infusions and therapies.
- Recent vital signs and pertinent physical findings.
- Significant lab values, ECG results, etc.
- Diagnostic imaging results – if on PACS or CD, please allow team to view images.
- For intubated patients - please obtain a chest x-ray post intubation.
- For trauma patients and other patients who may require blood products en route- please obtain 2-4 units packed red blood cells for the transport.

Please make copies of all documentation for the crew to bring to the receiving hospital.

› MONITORING AND TREATMENT

- Do not hesitate to request to speak to the Ornge Paediatric Transport Medicine Physician (TMP) who will provide advice on patient care pending the arrival of the Ornge transport team.
- For children going to the tertiary care units, the NICUs and PICUs in your region will remain accessible and help with providing advice on diagnostic workup and treatment pending the arrival of the transport team. In the event of changes in your patient's condition you may call the Regional Tertiary Center for advice and inform the Ornge Control Centre.

› UPON ARRIVAL, THE ORNGE TRANSPORT TEAM WILL:

- Continue cardio-respiratory monitoring, HR, RR, BP, Oximetry, Capnography.
- Review temperature, blood sugar and other point of care bloodwork eg. blood gas, lactate, electrolytes.
- Secure airway for intubated child - Check endotracheal tube (ETT) position (clinical and CXR) and will ensure that the tube is securely taped.
- Stabilize the child on transport ventilator as appropriate.
- Ensure all intravenous lines are working, and placed securely on infusion pumps with all medications double checked for transport.
- Administer any drugs or treatments required by TMP prior to departure.
- Transfer child onto special transport equipment.
- Speak to parents and family regarding patient's condition, plans for transport and destination.
- Endeavour to bring a parent or other family member with the child for the transport.
- Provide an update on patient condition and expected time of arrival to the destination hospital - preferably done by the Paediatric TMP.

Want more information? A **Communications Officer** is available 24/7 in our Operations Control Centre to address any concerns you have by calling **1.800.387.4672**.

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