

Guidance for Bypass of PeaceHealth United General Medical Center (UGH) by EMS Services for Alternate Destination

This guidance was created with the support and collaboration of PeaceHealth United General (UGH) and the purpose is to assist in triaging patients to destinations in a manner that is most likely to benefit the patient.

General indicators for bypassing UGH include:

- ST Segment Elevation Myocardial Infarctions (STEMI) or dynamic EKG ischemia (ST depression)
- 3rd Degree heart block
- Patients with multi-system trauma (Step 1&2 Full Trauma Activations)
- Suspected anemia with hemodynamic instability (potential need for massive transfusion)
- Cardiac arrest patients who *experience Return of Spontaneous Circulation (ROSC)*
- Pregant patients >20 weeks pregnant *or* < 6 weeks post-partum with a suspected *pregnancy related complaint/presentation*
- Morbidly Obese bariatric patients with a Body Mass Index (BMI) > 50. (*Consider contacting medical control with assistance in BMI estimation, a BMI Table is included in appendix*)

If there is an inability to establish either an adequate airway or achieve adequate ventilation the patient should be taken to the nearest facility, including UGH.

If the patient is unstable and EMS personnel are concerned that bypass of UGH may be detrimental to the patient rather than beneficial, the patient should be taken to the nearest facility, including UGH.

This guidance is designed to help triage patients in a manner that is most likely to best serve the patient. Decisions on transport destination should be made with the best interest of the patient as the guiding principle. It is recognized that decisions will be made on the limited information available in a pre-hospital evaluation. These recommendations are for guidance only. If there are questions regarding most appropriate destination and the situation permits, contact medical control. (NOTE: If a patient is identified as desiring limited interventions only, (e.g. COMFORT MEASURES ONLY) please identify this information to facilitate determination of destination.)



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