

ALS TO BLS TRANSFER OF CARE

ALWAYS USE BODY SUBSTANCE ISOLATION PRECAUTIONS

INDICATION

- Patient needs or desires transport to a hospital and does not meet criteria for ALS interventions
- Criteria for transfer of care must include:
 - Patent airway, maintained without assistance or adjuncts
 - No hemodynamic changes are anticipated during transport
 - No imminent changes are anticipated in the patient's present condition
 - GCS \geq 14

CRITICAL INFORMATION

- The EMT in attendance must be comfortable with the patient's condition
- Transport by the ALS transport ambulance should be considered if the transfer of care to the BLS staffed ambulance would incur a time delay greater than the projected transport time to the intended receiving facility

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

- The ALS first responder or provider will complete a County approved Patient Care Record (PCR) and submit the data electronically as described in Policy 7006.
- The ALS first responder will provide the BLS transport unit with a handwritten record detailing the ALS assessment, a copy of which will be left at the receiving hospital.

DOCUMENTATION- ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS

- The transfer of patient responsibility
- ALS transferring unit is identified on the BLS PCR

RELATED POLICIES/ PROCEDURES

- Patient Care Record 7006