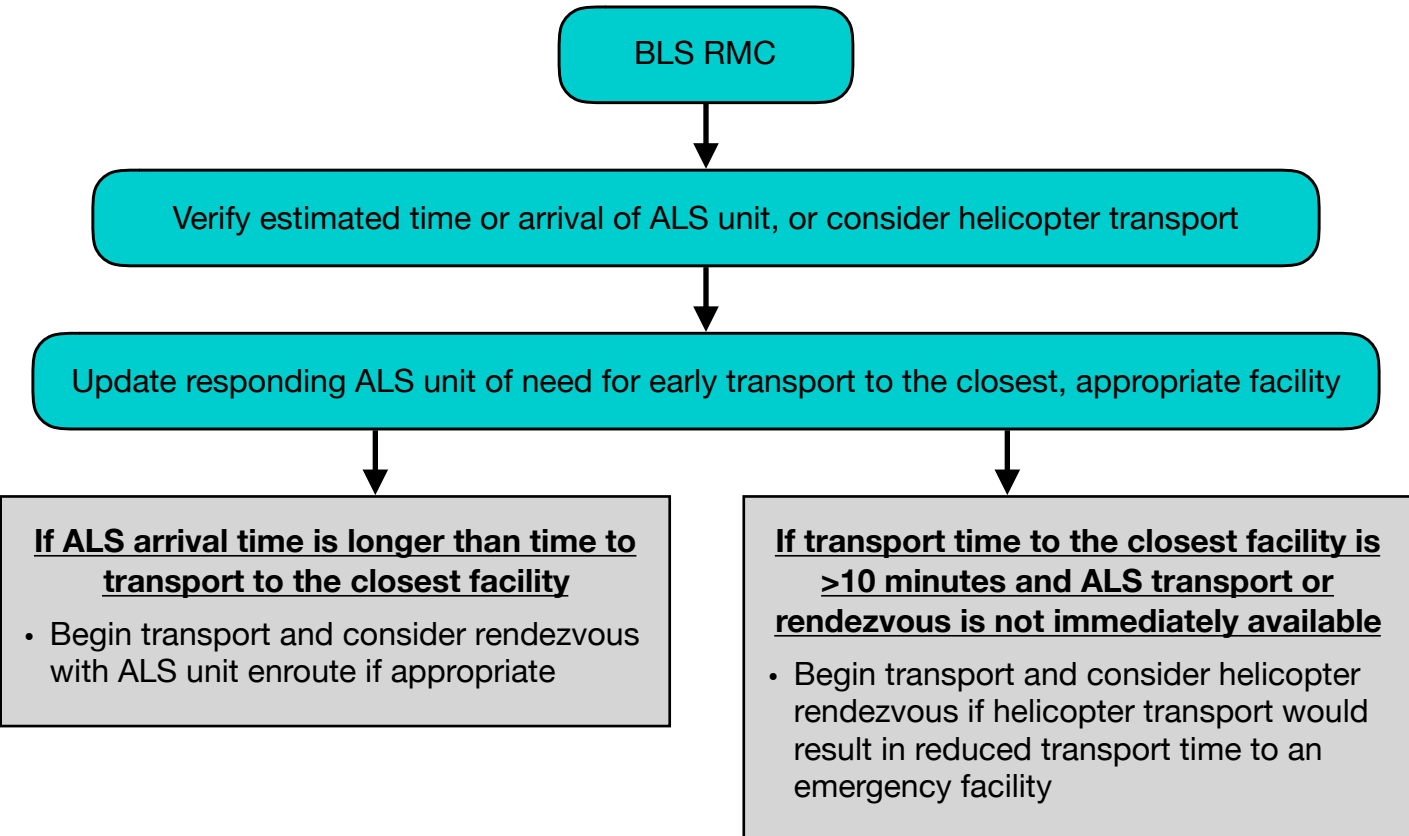


EARLY TRANSPORT DECISIONS

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Indications

- Emergent patient with life or limb threatening conditions including:
 - Severe respiratory distress or respiratory arrest
 - Airway compromise or obstruction
 - Significant neurological decline from baseline evaluation
 - Anticipated or current shock
 - Uncontrolled bleeding
 - Open chest or abdomen
 - Tension pneumothorax
 - Pericardial tamponade
 - Prolapsed cord, impending breech delivery, abnormal presenting part
 - Multi-system trauma
 - Severe burns- second or third degree burns (contact with caustic material, electricity or fire) involving 20% or more of body surface area (BSA) for adults, or 10% BSA for pediatric patients, or if associated with respiratory involvement
 - Isolated head injury with unconsciousness/posturing



SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

- If patient is in extremis and transport unit is not available, transport in available vehicle