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Helipad Use at Berkeley Medical Center (BMC)

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PURPOSE: To establish a Guideline for the use of the helipad at Berkeley Medical Center for the transfer of patients not treated in the Berkeley Medical Center Emergency Department to a tertiary facility.

POLICY: Berkeley Medical Center will allow local EMS agencies to utilize the helipad located on the hospital campus to transfer non BMC patients to helicopter transport.

PROCEDURE:

Prior to the use of the helipad, without the use of the Emergency Department at BMC, the following criteria must be met:

1. Medcom has been contacted and given a detailed patient assessment
2. Patient has been determined stable for continued transport as evidenced by:
 - a. An easily maintained, patent airway with or without an advanced airway adjunct
 - b. Vascular access via IV or IO
 - c. A perfusing cardiac rhythm
3. The flight crew has a short ETA to the landing pad and/or the helicopter can be seen or heard.

If at anytime prior to the departure of the helicopter the patient's condition begins to deteriorate, the patient will be immediately brought into the BMC Emergency Department for continued care and treatment.