

# **Clinical Guideline**

# **Pediatric Medevacs: Bethel to Anchorage**

Pediatric patient in Bethel requires medevac. Critical pediatric patient (including patients Trauma, surgical, or orthopedic emergency in respiratory distress, on HFNC, with · Noncritical: for bed space, diagnostic or suspected sepsis, in status epilepticus, etc.) specialty services not available at YKHC, etc. Consult YKHC pediatric hospitalist as soon as possible. Follow usual workflow. Pediatric consult optional. YKHC pediatric hospitalist (or other provider in consultation) can call ANMC PICU directly for advice, Please notify the YKHC pediatric management, and accepting physician. hospitalist for any Chronic Peds Patient (CPP) being transferred.

Use the Pediatric Critical Care Guide and ED Peds Critical Care PowerPlan.

Contact YKHC pediatric hospitalist

via Tiger Connect "Peds Wards On Duty" for all potentially critical pediatric patients.

### Surgical Patients

- For all pediatric trauma cases and surgical cases in children >4 years, call the ANMC general surgeon on call.
- For surgical cases in children ≤4 years, call the pediatric surgeon on call through the ANMC operator or their office at (907) 929-7337.

#### Non-beneficiary Patients

YKHC provider remains in control of

management until patient leaves facility.

- Non-beneficiary patients are transferred to Providence Alaska Medical Center via the PAMC Transfer Center. If you are told there is no bed, ask to speak to the physician (hospitalist or PICU). Arrangements can often be made to accept a patient even if a bed is not immediately available.
- Ask about medevac insurance coverage. May suggest family register for LifeMed insurance online, which can be done just prior to activation.

# Neonatal Transfers

Contact PAMC neonatologist at (907) 212-3614 for advice, management recommendations, etc.

Notify ANMC pediatric hospitalist on-call for any beneficiary infant transferred to PAMC NICU.

After obtaining accepting physician, YKHC physician is responsible for activating Lifemed and discussing patient with neonatologist, if needed.

## When to Transfer to PAMC NICU:

- GA <32 weeks
- BW <1500 grams
- Any newborn who required intubation
- Newborns requiring prompt surgical or medical subspecialty care
- · No beds available at ANMC or non-beneficiary infant requiring transfer
- Discretion of NNP

### When to Transfer to ANMC NICU:

- GA ≥32 weeks
- BW ≥1500 grams
- Any baby who meets criteria for transfer per the <u>Late Preterm guideline</u>
- Term or early term babies with temperature instability, respiratory distress, supplemental  $O_2$  requirement, hypoglycemia requiring IV treatment, need for IV antibiotics, etc.

# Contact

- ANMC PICU (physician or NP): (907) 297-8809 may request to speak with physician.
- ANMC Transfer Center: (907) 729-2337 or Tiger Connect Transfer Center Coordinator
- LifeMed: \*96 or (800) 478-5433
- PAMC Transfer Center: (907) 212-7363
- PAMC PICU:212-3133
- PAMC NICU: (907) 212-3614
- Alaska Pediatric Surgery: (907) 929-7337

LifeMed is the preferred medevac company for children younger than 3 years old. If any difficulty, call CD on call to discuss.

This guideline is designed for the general use of most patients but may need to be adapted to meet the special needs of a specific patient as determined by the medical practitioner.

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Click here to see the supplemental resources for this guideline.

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