

Pediatric Transport Activation

Pediatric

Transfer to Mary Bridge Children's Hospital:

Call 855-647-1010

Transfer Center Nurse:

- Triage calls for appropriate service
- Coordinates transport
- Activates for ground AND air Pediatric Transport Team



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Guidelines for Air vs. Ground:

Emergent Transfer:

- Hemodynamic instability
- Emergent surgical/intervention needed
- Airway or respiratory instability
- Immediate threat to life

Transport distance:
Greater than 40 miles and/or 45 mins

Urgent Transfer:

- Hemodynamic stability
- Urgent surgical need
- Electrolyte/medication management
- Moderate respiratory support

Transport distance:
Greater than 70 miles and/or 1.5 hours

Stable Transfer:

- Hemodynamic and respiratory stability
- Ongoing observation
- Pediatric specialty consult

Transport distance: Greater than 80 miles
and/or Central/Eastern WA

Referring provider requests air transport

If No:
Activate Ground
Transport

If Yes:
Consider Air
Transport

Or Ground if
Air unavailable

Mary Bridge Children's Hospital located in Tacoma, WA provides comprehensive care for children throughout Western Washington and across the Pacific Northwest. Our services include:

- Level II Pediatric Trauma Center
- Full surgical center
- Pediatric Intensive Care Unit
- Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO)
- Full range of pediatric subspecialties

Pediatric Transport Team

The Mary Bridge Pediatric Transport Team provides inter-facility transport services for all pediatric patients requiring specialized pediatric care. The team's mission is to provide stabilization, emergency, and critical care to ill and injured pediatric patients during interfacility transfers. Our partnership with Air-lift Northwest allows our team to provide air (helicopter and fixed wing) transport in addition to ground transport.

Transport Services Provided:

- Advanced airway management
- Invasive and non-invasive ventilation
- Vasoactive medication and infusion administration
- Cardiopulmonary monitoring
- Trauma care
- Post-resuscitation care

Team Highlights:

- Transport Team consists of dedicated pediatric transport nurses and respiratory therapists with special training in caring for patients in an out-of-hospital environment.
- Transport newborn to adolescents
- Common diagnoses for transport:
 - o Respiratory illnesses (asthma, bronchiolitis, pneumonia)
 - o Sepsis
 - o Congenital heart defects and heart failure
 - o Trauma
 - o Appendicitis and other general surgical needs
 - o Seizures and other neurologic disorders