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PURPOSE: To define expectations of procedures for visiting helicopter EMS programs when arriving at Vanderbilt University Medical Center Helipad or Vanderbilt Children’s Hospital Helipad.

POLICY: Whenever possible, at least one Vanderbilt team member will meet visiting aircraft to provide assistance with the unloading and assessment of patients from aircraft.

If the transporting team requests medical assistance from a Vanderbilt team member or a Vanderbilt team member identifies specific interventions that the patient requires, that Vanderbilt team member will assume primary responsibility for the patient’s care. The Vanderbilt medical team member will receive report from the transporting service. Although the Vanderbilt team member has assumed primary responsibility for patient care, the transporting service will accompany the patient to the receiving area and give a full beside report whenever possible.

There will be a transport stretcher with an oxygen cylinder with adequate oxygen for patient transport available to transporting services. Under these stretchers, there will be basic resuscitative equipment consisting of a self-inflating resuscitation bag, mask, and suction device (either mechanical or electrical).

If transporting services feel additional assistance is needed, they can specifically request the need for airway assistance, lifting assistance, etc. by Vanderbilt personnel.