



MEMORANDUM

To: All Emergency Medical Services
From: Fred Tilden, MD, FACEP, Medical Director, MidState Medical Center
Emergency Services
Date: August 13, 2008
Re: Procedure for EMS meeting Lifestar at MidState

On occasion it is safer for Lifestar to meet ground EMS for patient transport at the MidState helipad rather than landing at the scene. In the past, these patients were required to be evaluated in the Emergency Department regardless of the clinical situation. This policy has changed.

Until further notice, EMS is no longer *required* to bring all Lifestar-bound patients into the MidState ED for evaluation. Instead, patients can be brought from the ambulance bay straight to the helipad for transfer. A clinical decision must be made as to whether a patient is best served by emergent stabilization in the MidState ED or by immediate flight to a tertiary center. This decision remains unchanged and is individualized for each patient.

Note that, during construction, please use the outside rear door that is located close to the morgue and loading dock to access the helipad.

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