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AIR MEDICAL SERVICES, INDICATIONS FOR EMERGENCY USE

- I. Air transportation to be considered when evaluation of patient(s) and scene circumstances finds:
 - A. Conditions that would prolong patient's ground transport time to the closest appropriate care facility and would pose a threat to the patient's survival and/or recovery
 - B. Use of local ground transport team would leave the local area without adequate EMS coverage
 - C. Patients having any new onset, worsening medical condition, or traumatic injury requiring time-sensitive treatment modalities not available locally or within a 30-minute ground transport.
- II. Transport decisions are at the discretion of the flight crew and pilot. The following patient may not be appropriate for air transportation:
 - Cardiac Arrest
 - Bariatric patients
 - Patients with suspected Haz-Mat contamination
 - Patients that may pose a hazard to flight crew safety
- III. Air Medical Helicopter Scene Dispatch in Southeastern Arizona
 - A. All air medical services are required to update their aircraft(s) status and/or availability with EMRESOURCE. Requests may come from: Prehospital EMS, Search and Rescue Teams, Law Enforcement, Forest Services, Border Patrol, etc.
 - B. All scene/911 requests for air medical transport may be routed through Tucson MEDS Control and/or the agency's dispatch center, which will follow their operating procedures for dispatch. Tucson MEDS Control may be reached via one of the following:
 1. Phone 1-877-MEDS TUC (1-877-633-7882 or 520-791-4678)
 2. Radio
 - a. PC WIN radio system on the Area Medical talk group
 - b. VMED 28 (VHF frequency)
 - c. AIRS 2 (UHF frequency)

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IV. Air Medical Procedures in the Tucson Area

- A. When entering Tucson air space all incoming aircraft May notify Tucson MEDS Control of their destination and ETA. Tucson MEDS control will facilitate hospital communication AND, upon request, will notify the receiving facility of the inbound aircraft's ETA and any special needs relayed.
- B. All aircraft are encouraged to use the air to air frequency upon arrival and departure to notify any other aircraft that may be in the area.

V. Interfacility Transports and Specialty Team Members

- A. Hospitals and clinics will follow their individual policies and procedures for requests for air medical transport.