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TREATMENT ON SCENE Interventions may be <u>initiated</u> on scene. Goal should be efficient movement toward the ED.
DESTINATION - Hospital of patient's choice or as directed by LERN - Medic should advise patient of available and needed clinical services at specific hospitals, including orthopedic, obstetric, or need for closer destination.
COMMUNICATION - Notify dispatch of transport status and destination STANDARDIZED CALL REPORT to ED en route to hospital and upon transfer of care
EXCEPTIONS None

Pearls:

- Contact the **Louisiana Emergency Response Network (LERN)** if the trauma patient meets LERN entry criteria. See LERN Entry Criteria-Trauma in the Appendix.
- Contact the **Louisiana Emergency Response Network (LERN)** if the burn patient meets LERN entry criteria. See LERN BURN Entry Criteria in the Appendix.
- Patients meeting these criteria require advanced life support (ALS) and interventions at a general care hospital.
- A general care hospital is defined as having 24/7 emergency department capabilities.
- Orthopedic injured patients presenting with open fractures, mid-shaft femur fractures, major joint dislocations (hip, knee, ankle, or elbow) are preferentially transported to hospitals with **immediate orthopedic capabilities**.
- Sprains, dislocations, and closed fractures (other than mid-shaft femur) may be transported to a facility without orthopedic capabilities.
- Obstetrical patients are preferentially transported to a general care hospital with obstetrical capabilities.
- When the patient is adamant about being transported to a facility against the advice and judgment of the medic, complete the "Patient Refused Treatment/Transport Signature" within the ePCR or an **AGAINST MEDICAL ADVICE** form prior to transport.
- Document all exceptional circumstances.
- Recall that significant MOI as identified in the SCENE SIZE-UP are status 3 patients due to the potential for underlying injuries.