

NON-AASI VENTILATOR

1. Level: Paramedic, RN
2. Purpose: Patients requiring ventilator assistance have an increased risk of complications and are subject to sudden changes in their condition. In some cases, the patient's ventilator will accompany the patient to the destination however in other cases; the ventilator will not accompany the patient. This procedure outlines the expectations of our medics when caring for ventilator dependent patients during transport. In order to provide optimal assessment and treatment of these patients, the paramedic must accompany any patient requiring a manual or mechanical ventilation.
3. Procedure:
 - 3.1. During all ventilator transports, the following should be continuously monitored:
 - 3.1.1. Patient condition
 - 3.1.2. ETCO₂
 - 3.1.3. ECG
 - 3.1.4. Oxygen saturation
 - 3.2. Patient will remain on his/her ventilator during transport (emergency and non-emergency setting):
 - 3.2.1.1. Connect the patient to the required equipment as outlined above
 - 3.2.1.2. Prior to transport, obtain adequate instruction on the use of the device. Ideally, a family member or caregiver familiar with the ventilator will accompany the patient during transport. Contact the communications center to be connected with an LaSalle medical director if there is no family member or caregiver that will be accompanying the patient and you are uncomfortable with the transport.
 - 3.3. Patient's ventilator will not accompany patient during transport (emergency setting):
 - 3.3.1. CCT or Ventilator Medic/Unit
 - 3.3.1.1. Connect the patient to the required equipment as outlined above
 - 3.3.1.2. Connect the patient to the AASI ventilator and replicate the settings of the patient's ventilator. If settings are not available or not known, settings should be set as outlined in the [AIRWAY-VENTILATOR \(EMV\) Procedure](#).
 - 3.3.2. Non-CCT Medic/Unit
 - 3.3.2.1. Connect the patient to the required equipment as outlined above
 - 3.3.2.2. Ventilations will be provided via BVM.
 - 3.4. If you encounter any complications during a ventilator transport, immediately remove the patient from the vent and assist ventilations with a BVM.