

(Age 16 and Under)

- I. Patients with an unstable airway or in cardiac arrest should be transported to the closest facility.
- II. Patients with the following characteristics should be taken directly to a Pediatric Critical Care Facility (PCCF):
 - A. Altered level of consciousness
 - B. Respiratory distress
 - C. Shock or hemodynamic instability
- III. SPECIAL NOTES:
 - A. Pediatric Critical Care Facility (PCCF) is defined as a facility with 24-hour in-hospital pediatricians, pediatric intensivists and a pediatric ICU. (In Tucson: TMC or UMC)
 - B. In outlying areas with a transport time of greater than 30 minutes to a PCCF, transport the patient to the closest facility, or consider air transport directly to a PCCF.

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