

REGIONS HOSPITAL EMS	
POLICY/PROCEDURE: Transport Policy for Combined Tiered Transport Systems	Page 1 of 1
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Purpose:

To delineate when it is appropriate for services that have both ALS and BLS transport capabilities to allow for BLS transport of a patient

Policy:

Patient with the following presentations may be transported by BLS: Altered level of consciousness: brief and improving, GCS 14 or 15, minor burns (<20% TBSA) in adults, (<10% TBSA) in patients under 12 or over 60 years of age, simple fractures (not requiring pain management), uncomplicated OB, psychiatric or suicidal patients, syncopal episodes in patients < 30 years, and/or both ALS and BLS provider MUST agree that patient is BLS. Patients with moderate to severe pain must be treated with appropriate pain management and must be transported ALS. BLS providers who have had training in IV therapy may transport patients who have maintenance IVs.

If there is any disagreement remaining, ALS should transport. Any issues should be dealt with after the incident through the department's peer review quality improvement process.