





Utilization of the CHKD Mobile ICU or other Critical Care Transport Assets

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Closest Critical Care Companies





Other Modes of Transport Available

What is a.....

PALS unit?
Critical Care?
BLS?
ALS?



The Only Pediatric/Neonatal
Specialty Team in Eastern
Virginia/Northeastern North
Carolina

CHKD's MICU

Critical Care Transport

Who am I getting?

What can they do?

Where are they coming from?

When do I need to call?

How do I get them?

Critical Care

- **Who** am I getting to care for my patient during the transfer?
 - Experience multidisciplinary team, with specialized training, high standards, and autonomy.
 - Critical Care Paramedic and Nurse (and a **Respiratory Therapist** on **CHKD MICU**)



Critical Care

- **Paramedic**

- Specialty certificate FP-C or CCTP
- Years of experience in a busy 911 system and in-hospital
- Highly proficient in all areas of medicine and cross trained in the RN role.



Critical Care

- **Nurse**

- Specialty certificate CCRN or CEN
- Years of experience in the ED, ICU
- Highly proficient in all areas of medicine and cross trained in the Paramedic role.



Critical Care CHKD MICU

- **Respiratory Therapist**

- Specialty certificate NPS
- Years of experience in the ED, NICU, and or PICU
- Highly proficient in all areas of medicine and cross trained in the Paramedic/Nurse role.



What Can They Do?

- Administer and or titrate multiple medication do to include or not limited to.
- Antibiotics
- Antidysrhythmic
- Beta Blockers
- Paralytics
- Sedation
- Analgesics
- Vasopressors
- Interpret blood gasses, and other lab values.



What Can They Do?

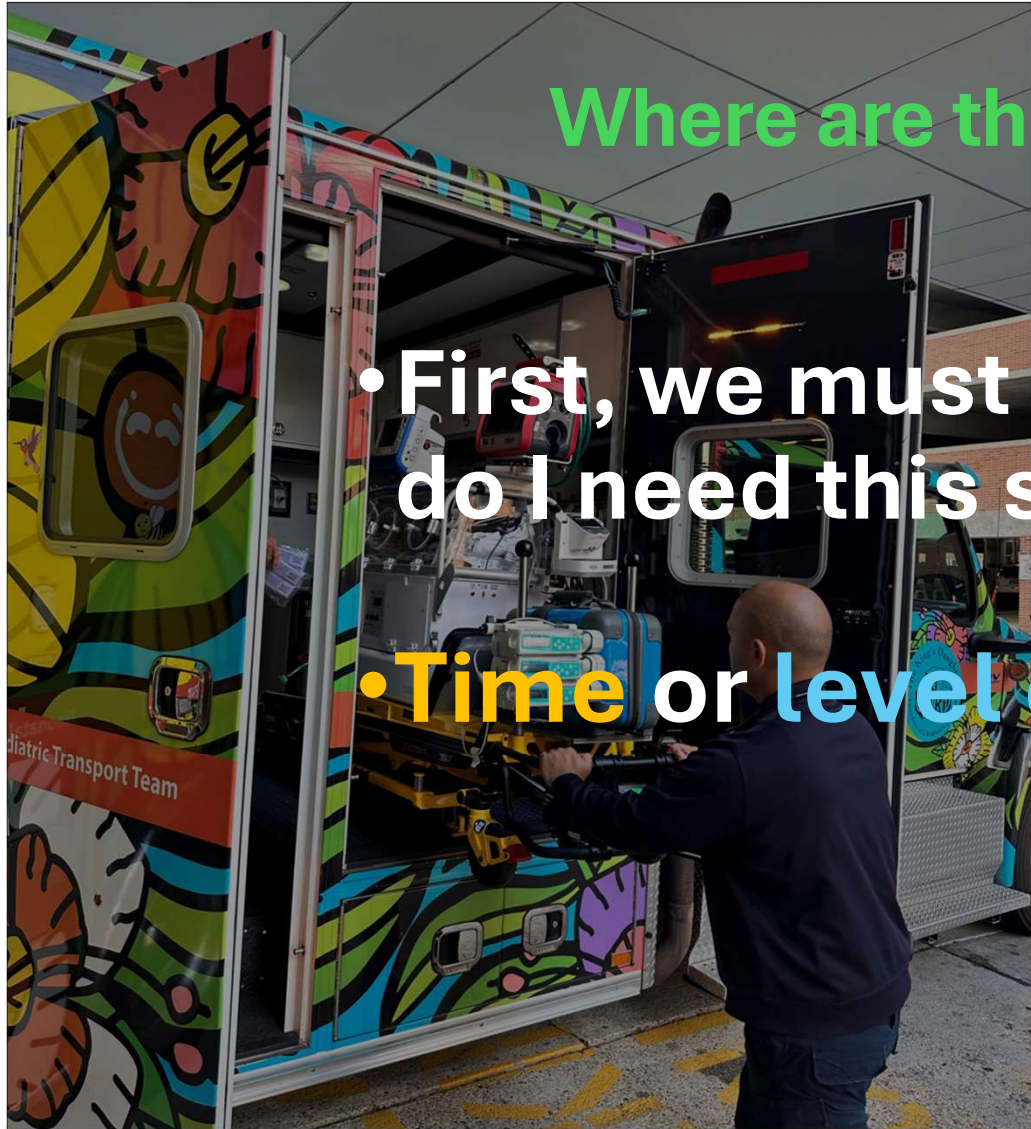
- DSI, RSI
- Surgical Airways
- Needle Thoracostomy
- Manage IAPB
- Manage Impella (pVAD)
- Chest tubes
- Complex ventilation strategies
- Push dose pressors
- Monitor Venous and Arterial Central lines (**CHKD** initiate UVL, UAL)
- POCUS



Where are they coming from?

- First, we must ask ourselves why do I need this specialty care?

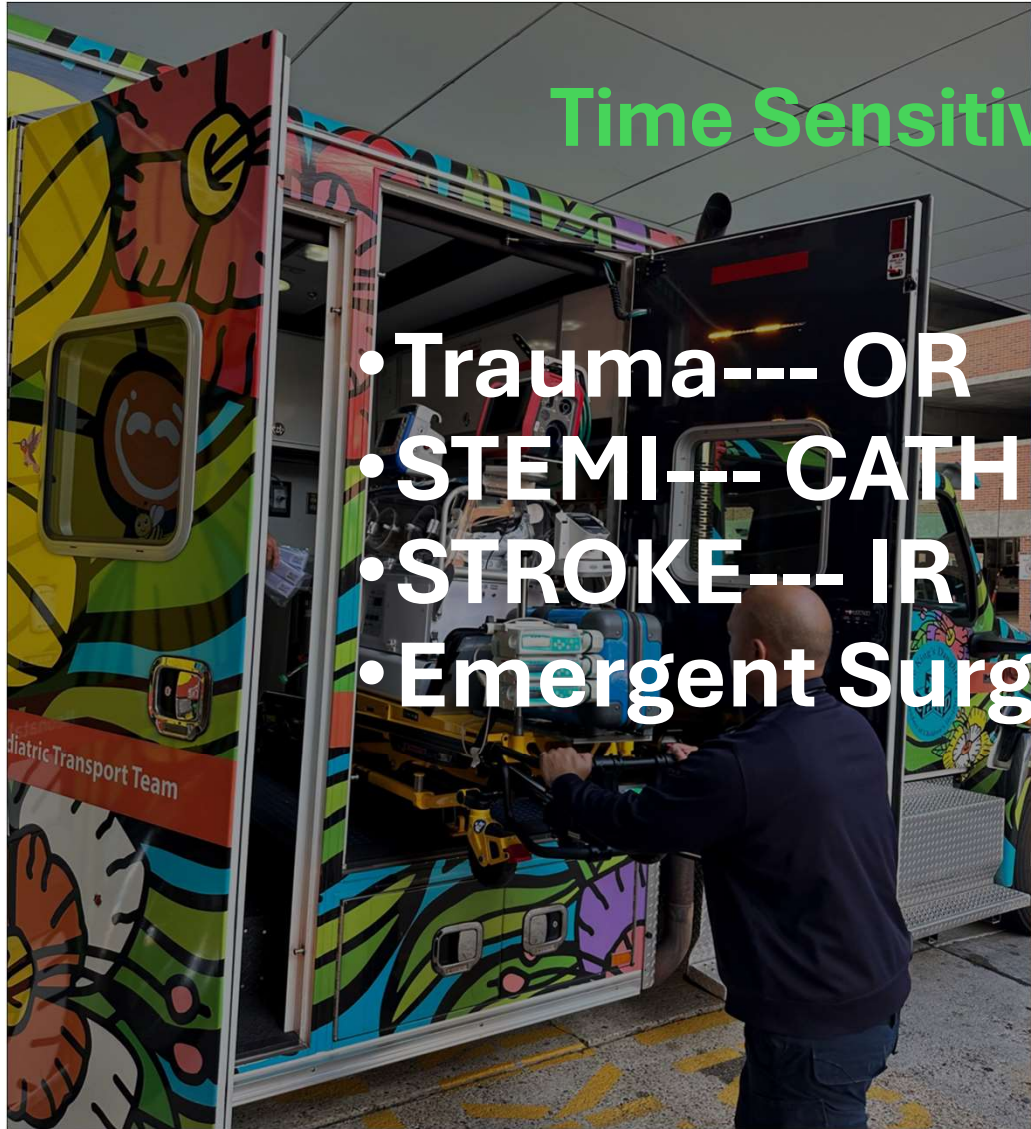
- Time or level of care?



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Time Sensitive?

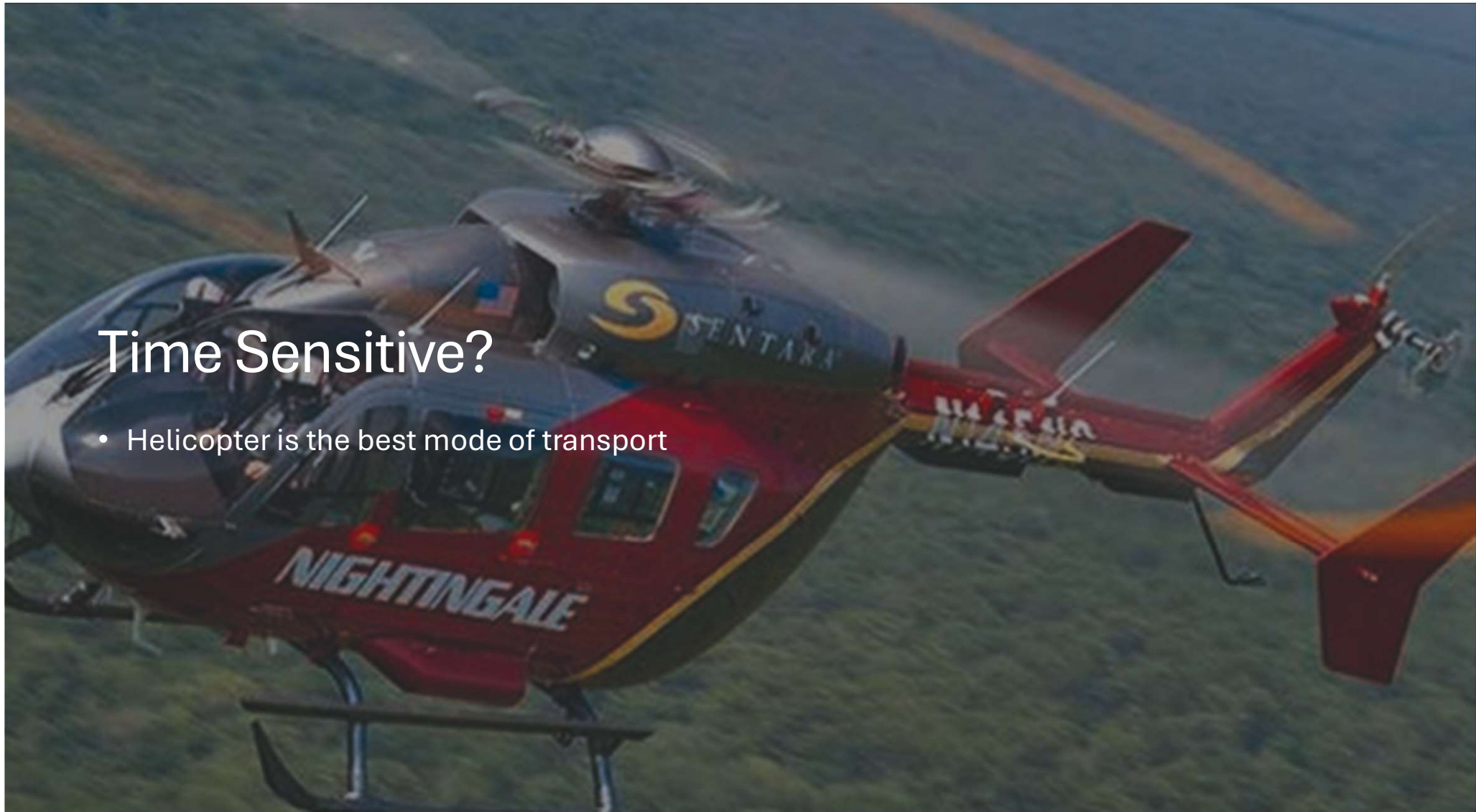
- Trauma--- OR
- STEMI--- CATH LAB
- STROKE--- IR
- Emergent Surgical Intervention



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Time Sensitive?

- Helicopter is the best mode of transport





Need a high level of care?

- Helicopter is still your best choice in Eastern VA/NC.
- Not many critical care ground crews are available.

Need specialist in Pediatric and Neonatal Critical Care?

There is only ONE





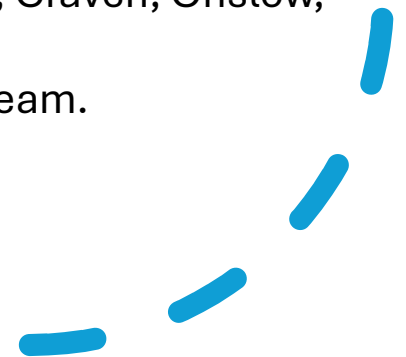
MICU Team

- Can fly **with** Nightingale or MedCenter Air

When do I
need to
arrange
transport
and what do
they need?

- **Time sensitive? Call NOW**

- Nightingale has an approx. 10 min lift of time, plus the distance to fly.
- Other helicopter programs are about the same but coming from a longer distance.
 - Life Evac has bases in Petersburg and West Point
 - ECU EastCare has bases in Bertie, Craven, Onslow, and Wayne Co.
 - EastCare also offers a Peds/Neo team.
 - HCA is based in Hopewell VA.



CHKD MICU



CALL AND GET AN
ACCEPTING MD



THE TEAM IS MD ACTIVATED.



APPROXIMATELY 15-MINUTE
WHEELS ROLLING TIME.



What documents do they need?

It depends...

Sentara to Sentara utilizing NTG, no much.

Non-affiliated hospitals? Copies of the chart and a disk of all films.

Time sensitive bedside times... 10 min.

Not time sensitive.... It varies

CHKD MICU... most of the time its lengthy, but not always.

Who to call?

Kid Comm

1-757-668-8000



Nightingale Dispatch

1-800-572-4354













NOPE! On the inside
we are running away.

Seizure



Difficulty Breathing



Trauma



Seizure

- Most common cause
 - Fever
 - Typically, in children between 6 months and 5 years of age.
 - These often happen during the initial rise in body temperature
 - Simple vs. Complex: Simple last for 15 min or less



Seizure

- Other Causes of Seizures

- **Infections**: Brain infections like meningitis or encephalitis can cause seizures.
- **Metabolic Imbalances**: Low blood sugar (hypoglycemia) or other metabolic disorders can trigger seizures.
- **Medications**: Certain medications can lower seizure thresholds. (Haloperidol, Diphenhydramine)
- **Substance Use**: Drugs or alcohol withdrawal can also lead to seizures.
- **Head Injury**: Brain damage from a head injury can be a cause.
- **Brain Tumors**: Although rare, brain tumors can also cause seizures.
- **Genetic Factors**: Some children may have a genetic predisposition to seizures.
- **Epilepsy**: Epilepsy is a condition characterized by recurrent seizures

Seizure

What should we do?

Febrile- Airway and supportive care, supplemental O2, protection.

Remove extra clothing, apply **cool** compresses. Avoid ice, cold baths etc.

Obtain a SAMPLE history.

More than 15 minutes of seizures, consider a benzo (Midazolam, Diazepam)

IV if a high suspicion of hypovolemia, if not IM, Nasal, or rectal.

Consider Hypoglycemia and treat as needed.



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Treat as indicated:

Note: Multiple doses and multiple routes of administering benzo's can cause hypotension and apnea. (slower absorption rates)

If they can not maintain their own airway RSI is an option. Continue to treat the underlying causes of seizures. Paralytics only mask the symptom.

Difficulty Breathing

Doorway assessment

Skin Color

Mental Status

Work of breathing

****Rapid intervention or we have some time?****

What's the noise

Wheezing?

Stridor?

Nothing?

Upper/Lower Airway noise?

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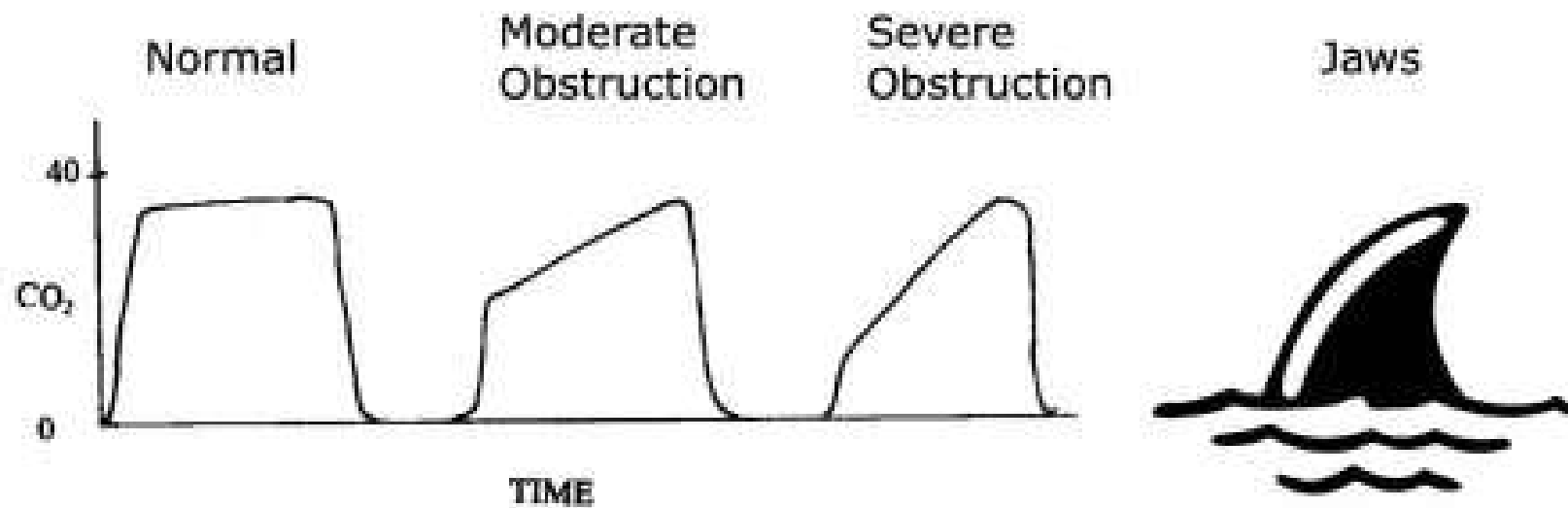


Nebulizers

- Don't be afraid of tachycardia. Kids can handle it! Give back-to-back treatments. (med control)
- Racemic Epi (Stridor at rest, Croup)
- Most of the kids don't need more oxygen they need more **alveoli surface area, or better ventilation.**
- **Don't chase the etCO₂!** Use the etCO₂ pleth wave to show you air trapping improvement or worsening.

Capnography

Capnography waveforms: Obstructive pattern



D'Mello J and Butani M, Indian J Anaesth 2002; 46:269

Intubation

Follow your local protocols

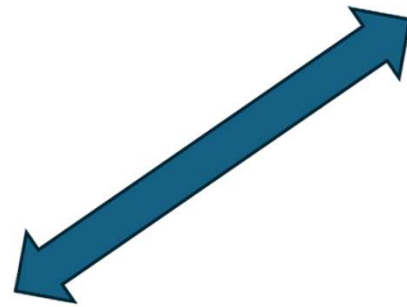
Set you self up for success

- Positioning!
- Video laryngoscopy, proper stylet with blade.
- Bougie, tube size?, suction.
- Ventilate, oxygenate and treat BP prior to RSI.
- Verify DSI/RSI dosages, be prepared for sedation after the intubation for longer transports.
- Utilize progressive laryngoscopy technique. Be gentle.
- Don't forget about addressing pain.

Intubation



Ventilation



Air In and Air Out

I:E ratio- 1:2-1 second inspiration, 2 second expiration.

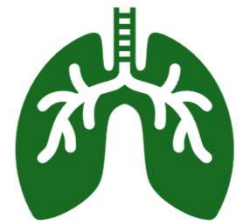
- **If Asthma.. Slow Down! Do not** chase your ETCO₂. This will be extremely detrimental to you patient.
- I:E of a minimum of 1:4 if not much longer.
Continuous nebulizers
Epi, Mag, Methylprednisolone

Intubation



Ventilation

Air In and Air Out



If you are utilizing a ventilator

Use non-standard I:E ratio's

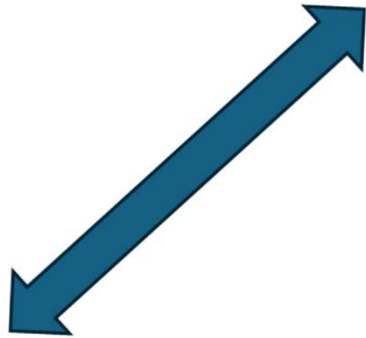
Slow respirations

- If using **pressure ventilation** modes expect, High PIP alarms.
 - Insure adequate sedation and or paralysis.
 - Use lower PEEP <5.
- Shoot for tidal volumes of 6-8 ml/kg of **IBW**.

Intubation



Oxygenation

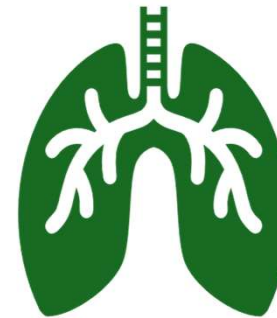


Delivering Oxygen from the alveoli to the blood and then to the body's tissues.

Ventilation = breathing

vs.

oxygenation = using O₂





Which Kids Should Be Transported directly to **CHKD**?

If any pediatric needs to be admitted for observation or further treatment, they will eventually end up at CHKD.

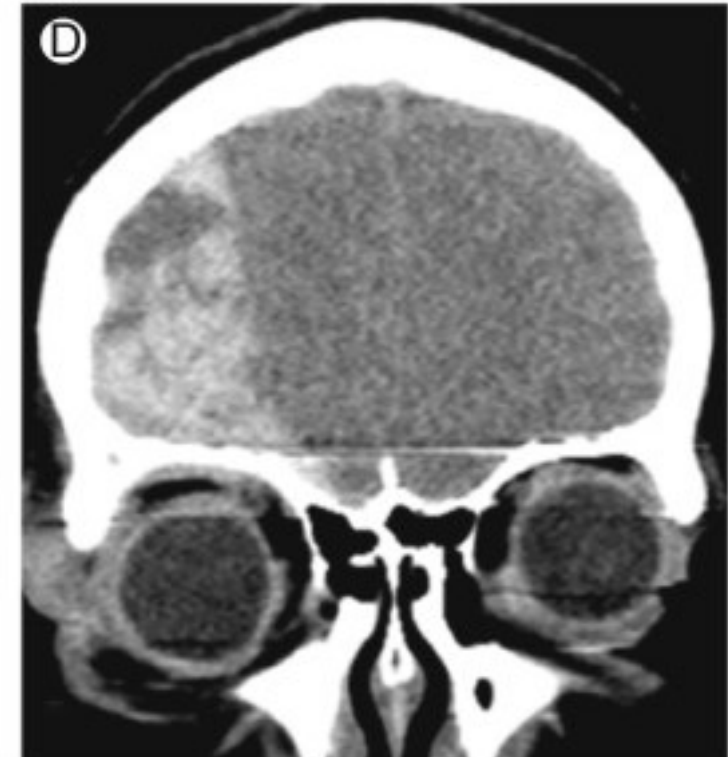
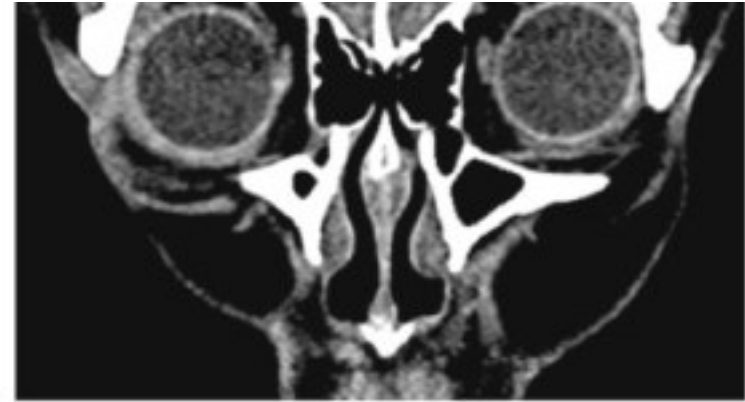
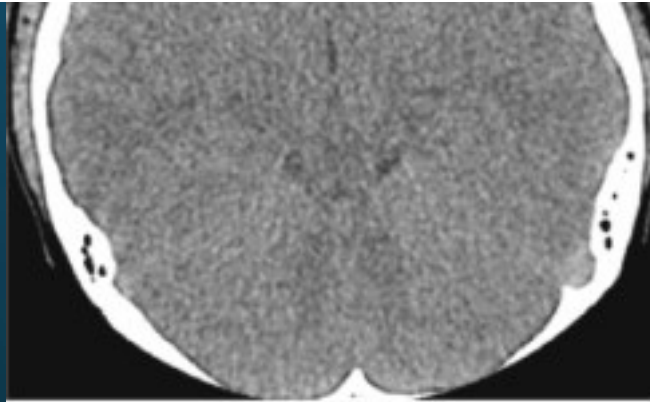
If you have had to give medications while caring for your pediatric patient, more that likely they will end up at CHKD.

Do what is right for the patient, the patients' family, even though it may inconvenience the EMS crews.

Trauma



#1 Head Trauma



Head Trauma

- Subdural Hematoma
- Contusions
- Skull Fractures
- Etc.

Head Trauma

What is EMS's primary concern?

LOC which dictates your airway decision

Question: If they vomit, will they aspirate?

Head Trauma



Head Trauma



No-----supportive measures only.

Yes-----Do I do it now? Do

I go to a hospital? Do I go to
CHKD and let them do it?



Spinal Injury

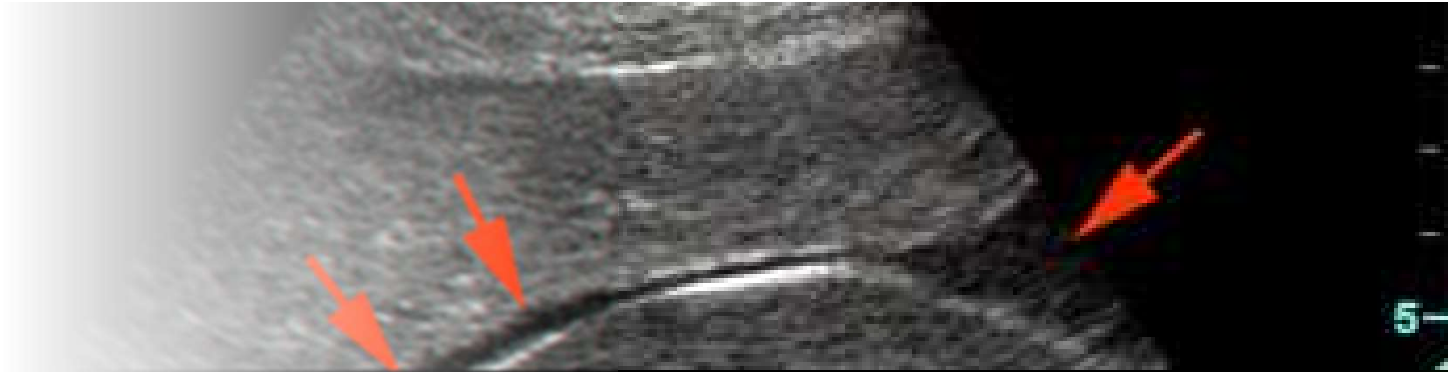
With obvious deficits?

Yes-----Is there a breathing issue?

Should I anticipate or do I see signs and symptoms of spinal shock? (Hypotension with Bradycardia) injury above T6 of spinal shock?

- **What can I do about Spinal Shock?**

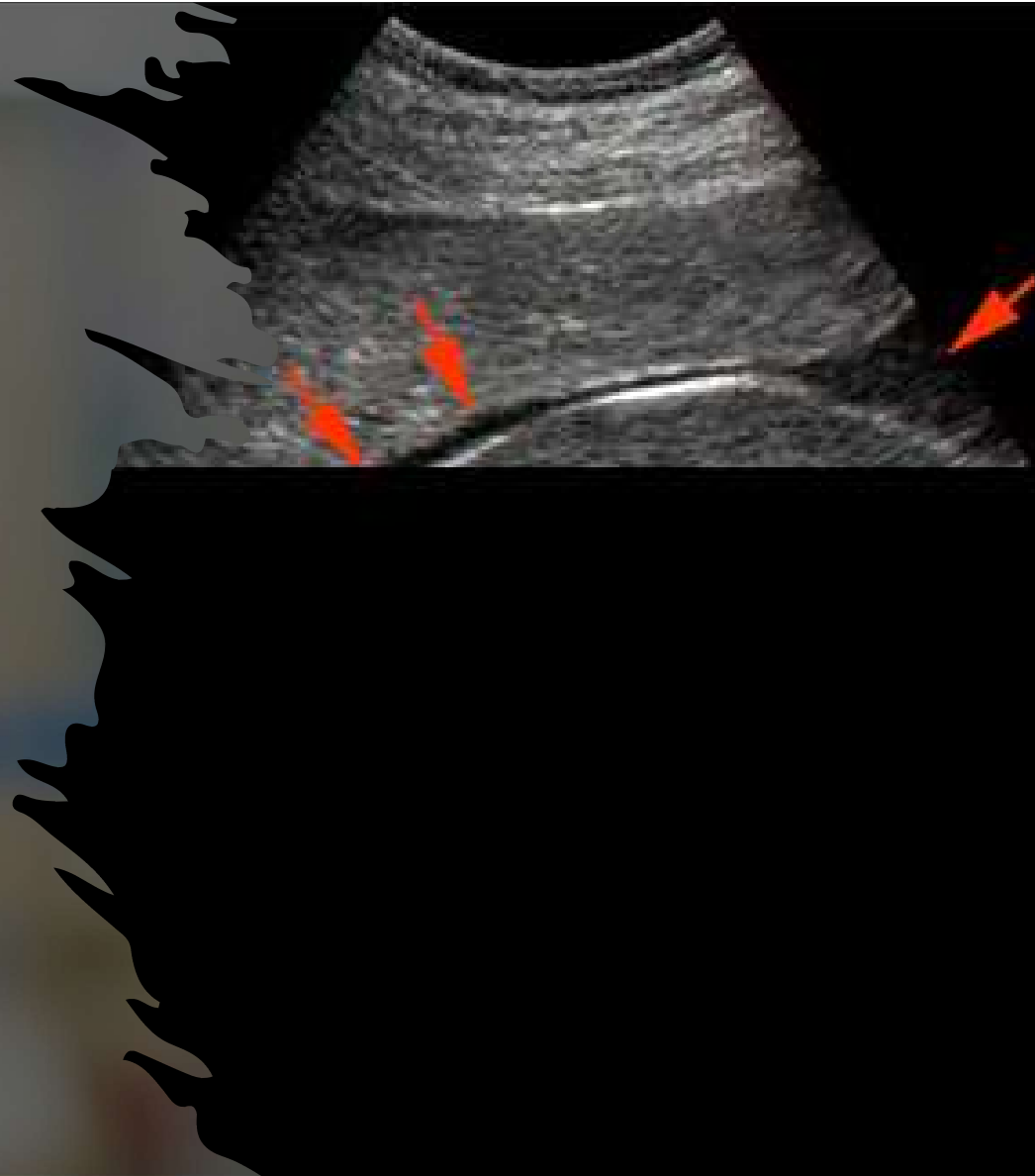
Bleeding



- We know what to for external bleeding.
- How can we identify internal bleeding or fluids in places they should not be?
- POCUS

Bleeding

- Signs and symptom of shock?
- Fluid challenge 10cc/kg, then Blood administration
- TEMS – Whole blood not indicated for age <5 yo.



Pain Control

Fentanyl 1 mcg/Kg

Morphine 0.1 mg/kg

Ondansetron

Direct Trauma Center Transport Criteria Keep scene time at 15 minutes or less

Status

GCS < 14; SBP < 90; Resp rate <10 or >29

Injury - Penetrating injury to head, neck, torso, proximal extremities

Flail chest; Two or more proximal long bone fractures; Pelvic fracture

Open/depressed skull fracture; Paralysis; Crushed, degloved, or mangled extremity; High voltage electrical burns

Mechanism

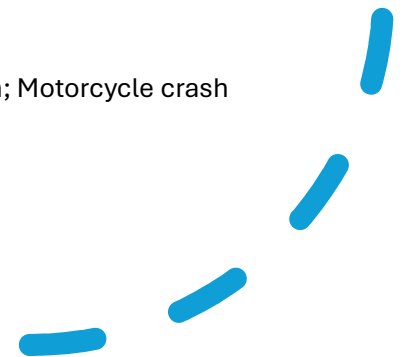
Peds, fall greater than 2-3 times height

Intrusion greater than 12 inches on occupant side and/or greater than 18 inches anywhere

Ejection including partial

Death in same passenger compartment

Auto vs pedestrian or bicycle thrown, run over or greater than 20 mph; Motorcycle crash greater than 20



Trauma

If a patent **airway** cannot be established, **CPR** is in progress or **bleeding is uncontrolled**, transport to **closest facility**



Trauma

What significant
pediatric trauma
should come to
CHKD?

All the rest!



Thank you!

