

VERMONT EMS DISTRICT #3 POLICY

TRANSPORT OF MEDICAL CARDIAC ARREST VICTIMS

All medical cardiac arrest patients, except arrest due to hypothermia, will be transported to the nearest facility having continuous ACLS capability. Family request or insistence that a hospital be by-passed in this setting will not be honored. After stabilization, transport to another facility may occur if so desired by the attending physician and family.

The rationale for this protocol is based on the continuously mounting evidence that prolongation of BLS and delay of ALS by further transport results in decreased survivability.

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