

Catawba County Emergency Medical Services

Transfer Guidelines (for Telecommunicators)

These are guidelines for telecommunicators when handling transfers both in county and out of county.

- The Specialty Services Coordinator is responsible for scheduling and assigning transfers during normal business hours.
- The Specialty Services Coordinator will transfer the telephone to the Communication Center when he/she is unavailable.
- Dispatch Guidelines
 - 3-Medic-42, 3-Medic-45 and 3-Medic-46 will typically handle scheduled transfers between the hours of 0900 and 1700.
 - When the volume is such that 3-Medic-42, 3-Medic-45 and 3-Medic-46 cannot handle the load, the Specialty Services Coordinator or Telecommunicator will notify the on-duty Shift Supervisor for assistance.
- When Specialty Services units are unavailable the following guideline will be utilized:
 - In-County
 - Based on the location where the transfer will terminate (i.e., a transfer going from Frye Regional Medical Center to Maiden is the responsibility of 3-Medic-3)
 - Adjacent County (Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, Iredell, and Lincoln Counties)
 - Based on what unit can travel from the destination back to their response area the quickest (i.e., a transfer going from Frye Regional Medical Center to Denver is the responsibility of 3-Medic-7)
 - Out-of-County (More than one county away)
 - Based on the following chart:

| Originating Facility | 1 st Out | | 2 nd Out |
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| | Even Dates | Odd Dates | |
| Frye Regional Medical Center | 3-Medic-11 | 3-Medic-1 | 3-Medic-2 |
| Catawba Valley Medical Center | 3-Medic-4 | 3-Medic-5 | 3-Medic-3 |

- Cardiac Catheterization Stand-by and Cardiac Transfers (Catawba Valley Medical Center CCU / ICU to Frye Regional Medical Center) are the responsibility of 3-Medic-2. If 3-Medic-2 is not available, the next closest available unit will be dispatched.
- The Out-of-County chart above will be utilized for all unscheduled transfers, no matter the time of the day.