

EMTALA Transfers

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Accepting ED Physician

- Is the patient in an ED?
- What is the reason for transfer ? (condition requiring transfer vs patient request)
- Do you have the required service? (capability)
- Do you have space? (capacity)

Notes:

- Capability involves the necessary specialists, staff, etc.
- Capacity is based on what facility has done historically, not just current space. Meaning, if you have made room in the past, you are expected to do so again.

Sending ED Physician

- Has a medical screening exam been completed?
- Do you have the services available to treat the condition? If not... document.
- Has the emergency condition been stabilized ? If not.. document lack of available specialty service.
- Is the patient requesting a transfer despite service being available ? if so... document.
- Has a physician signed that a transfer is necessary?
- Has the patient signed understanding of risks of transfer?
- Has an accepting facility been located?

<http://www.aaem.org/em-resources/regulatory-issues/emtala>

<https://www.acep.org/news-media-top-banner/emtala/>

<http://www.aaem.org/UserFiles/EMTALA-ReiterSlides.pdf><http://www.aaem.org/em-resources/regulatory-issues/emtala/provider>

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