



**North Country  
Regional Emergency Medical  
Advisory Committee**

**Policy Statement**

Serving: St. Lawrence, Jefferson, and Lewis Counties

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All ambulances should notify the receiving hospital as soon as possible with a report. It is encouraged that the patient be taken to the appropriate facility based on their presenting problem. Please contact Medical Control to discuss the appropriate destination if needed. The medical control physician may divert the ambulance to a more distant facility. The patient does have the right to refuse to go to another hospital. Also, please note that some agencies Policies and Procedure may not allow for transport to a more distant facility. (Per DOH Policy this is acceptable.)

Fort Drum Ambulance (and ambulances under contract and dispatched by Fort Drum) may transport patients located on the Fort Drum Military Post to Guthrie Clinic. Ambulances called onto post for mutual aid must transport to a regionally approved facility.

Transports to Canada - If a patient request transport to Canada and is stable, the ambulance may transport to a Canadian hospital with a medical control order. If the patient requires ALS, the ambulance should transport to the closest appropriate hospital in the absence of a medical control order to the contrary.

All Hospitals in the North Country Region are Medical Control Facilities.