

# Pediatric Transport Guideline

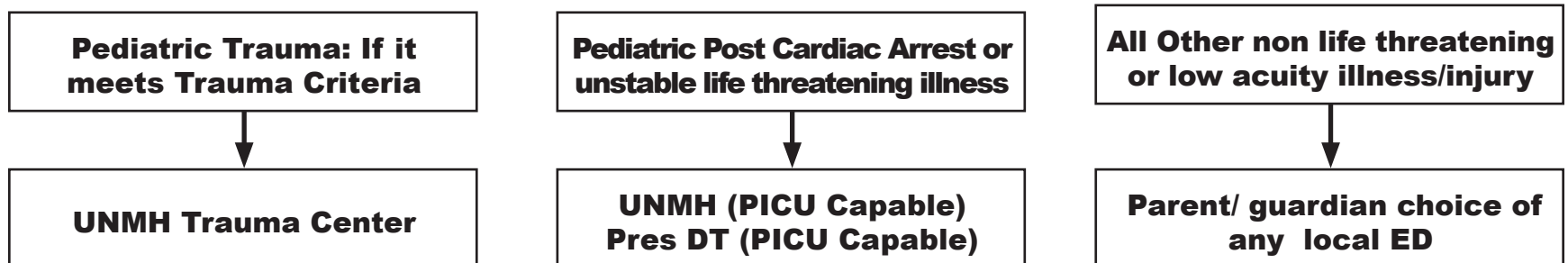
**Designation of Condition: Any patient less than 18 years of age with a life-threatening illness.** When presented with an unstable or critical medical patient, it is important to remember that only hospitals with NICU/PICU capabilities are equipped to handle these patients

**Unstable Pediatric Life Threatening Illness:**

Decreased mental status ( GCS < 14), Non-responsive respiratory distress, suspected stroke/atypical seizures, post cardiac arrest, non- responsive hypotension, severe hypo/hyperthermia, status epilepticus, snake bites/envenomation, life threatening ingestion/chemical exposure

## The Purpose of this plan is to:

- Rapidly identify pediatric patients who call 911 or present to EMS with a life-threatening illness
- Minimize the time from EMS contact to definitive care
- Quickly diagnose patients with pediatric life-threatening illness for EMS treatment and stabilization
- Rapidly identify the best hospital destination based on symptom onset time, vital signs, response to treatment, and predicted transport time
- \*Early activation/notification to the hospital prior to patient arrival



## \*\*\*KEY POINT\*\*\*

**Lovelace, Kaseman, and SRMC do not provide inpatient pediatric care**

- Pediatric EMS patients should be transported to either UNM DT or Presbyterian DT or Pres Rust
- All facilities can receive stable pediatric psychiatric complaints
- If parent/guardian insists on one of the above facilities that lack peds inpatient care, ensure parent understands that a later transfer may be required