

POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF COFM (PGE: COFM) Dec. 9, 1999

EDUCATIONAL PRINCIPLES

RE: THE ROLE OF RESIDENTS DURING MEDIVAC/AMBULANCE TRANSPORTS

1. In many programs, participation in patient transport is a valuable learning experience for residents.
2. There must be clear educational objectives underlying the resident's participation in patient transport.
3. Residents must have appropriate training with demonstrated competency in the circumstances relevant to the transport experience.
4. Communication and supervision between the resident and his/her designated supervising physician must always be available.
5. Resident well-being should be considered in all transports.

Note: On occasion residents/fellows may be confronted with a situation for which they are not sufficiently trained. It is expected that they, like other physicians, will deal with such situations as practicing professionals to the best of their ability.