

A How-To Guide for Long Distance Medical Transportation



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Sometimes patients need to be transported long distances from one medical facility to another. Perhaps the patient requires specialized care that isn't available at their current hospital or medical facility. Another reason may be the need for transportation to a facility closer to family or the patient's support system. Regardless of the cause, long distance medical transport can be one of the best options available. When you use a medical transportation company, you or your loved one can count on a safe transfer and quality patient care.



WHO CAN BENEFIT FROM A LONG DISTANCE AMBULANCE?

In most cases, patients who are transported via long distance ambulance are those who do not have an emergent need. However, this does not mean that patients who are suffering from serious medical conditions cannot be transferred in this manner. Instead, it means that most patients must be stabilized before using a long distance medical transport. The patient's doctor will typically need to release the patient for this type of transport to ensure his or her safety throughout the ride.



FINDING THE RIGHT MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION COMPANY

When you or a loved one requires a long distance medical transport, your next step is to find a company that can fulfill the needs of the patient. Some companies only work in a specific area, while others are willing to transport you or a loved to just about anywhere in the United States. The area of transport can play a major role in which company is the right fit for your needs. Other qualities you should look for in a long distance ambulance service include:

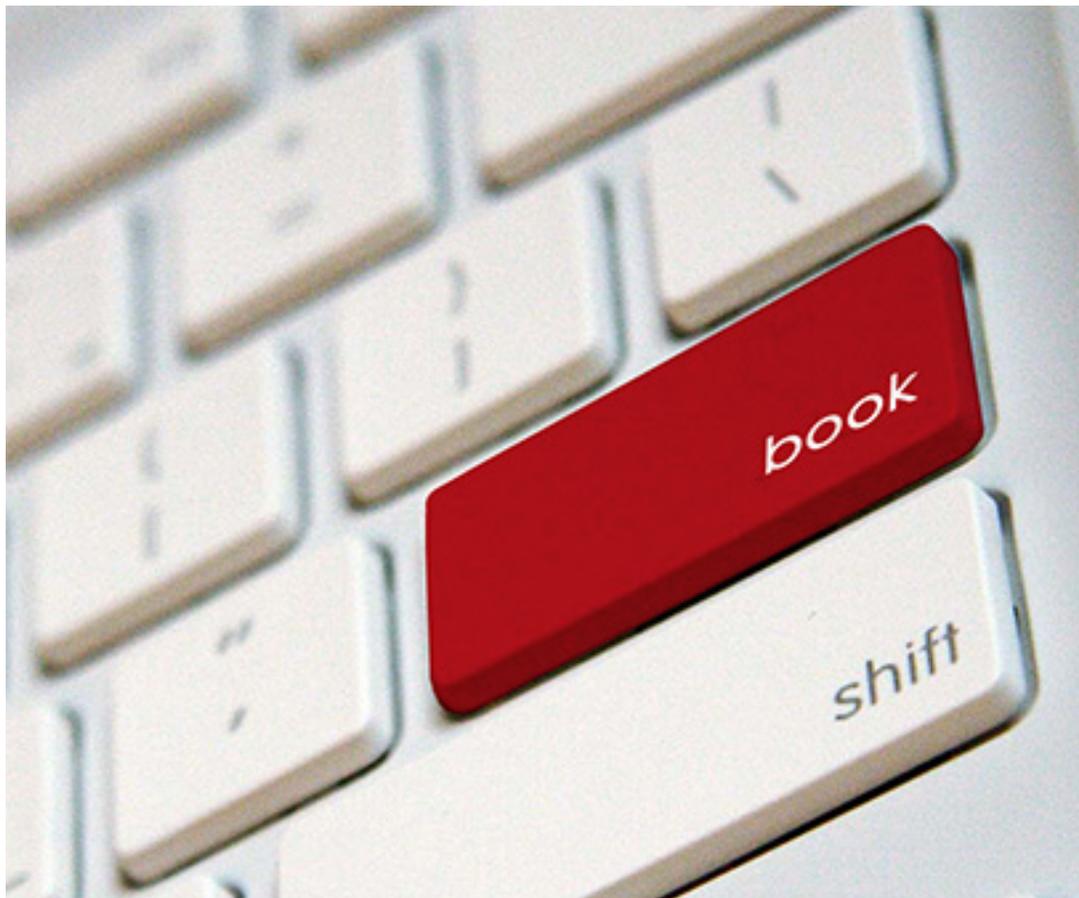
- Safety Record
- Medical Personnel Training
- Types of Vehicles
- Experience with the Patient's Specific Condition

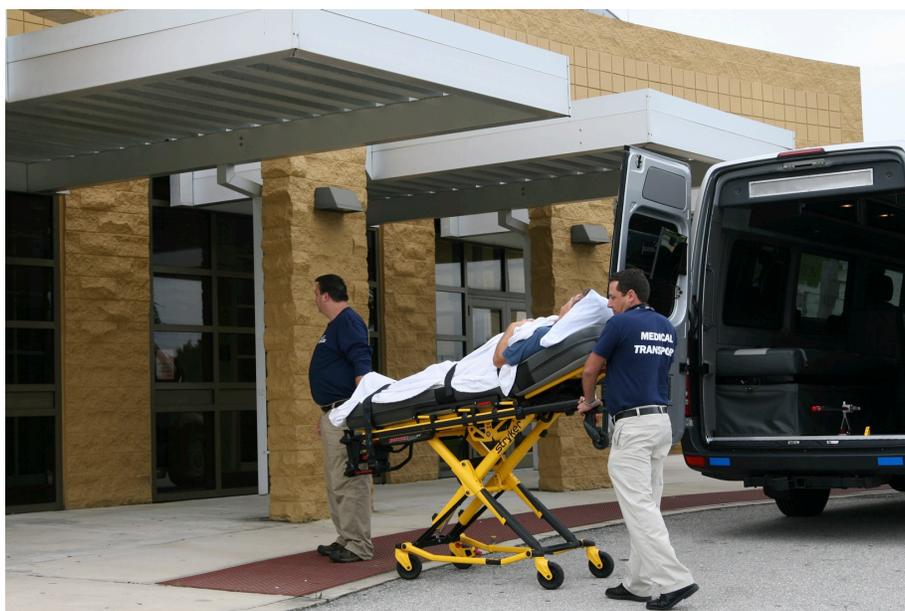
These are just a few of the factors you should consider as you look for the right company. Always interview the company before making your final choice so you can gain a better understanding of the quality of care the patient will receive on the trip.



SCHEDULING YOUR LONG DISTANCE MEDICAL TRANSPORT

Choosing the right company is just the start of the process. Once you make the right decision for the patient's needs, you must schedule the transport. Contact your chosen long distance ambulance service as soon as you are aware you will need their services. Some companies have the ability to accommodate many patients due to a larger fleet, while others have limited options. In some situations, you may need to schedule your transport at the last minute, but it is always best for everyone if you can schedule the transport as soon as possible to ensure availability of a vehicle, the appropriate staff and the necessary medical equipment.





HOW IT WORKS

When the day arrives, it is important for patients and their families to understand how the entire process works. The long distance medical transport company will arrive at the medical facility, hospital or home where the patient is currently residing. The staff from the long distance ambulance service will evaluate the patient, stabilize him or her and load the patient onto a bed that is suitable for this form of transportation. The patient is loaded onto the vehicle and driven to the destination by a qualified driver and is accompanied by trained medical personnel, often consisting of a nurse and a doctor.

Different long distance medical transport services allow family and friends to join the patient for the trip. Most services will allow at least one relative to ride along to reduce stress and provide companionship for the patient. Some will allow several family members to ride along, depending on the amount of available space in the vehicle. If the patient has a special pet, there are even some transport companies that will allow the pet to ride along as well. This can give patients the peace and security they need to make the trip as stress-free as possible.

THE BENEFITS OF LONG DISTANCE AMBULANCE TRANSPORTATION

Transporting patients over longer distances via a long distance ambulance provides everything patients need. These vehicles are often equipped with a large variety of medical equipment, medications and other emergency supplies to handle any issues that may arise during the trip. Every patient travels with a group of trained nursing and medical staff, giving them access to the same quality of patient care they would receive while in a hospital or other medical facility. Finally, all vehicles are well-maintained and driven by individuals who have met rigorous safety and training regulations.

Regardless of why an individual may need to move between medical facilities over a long distance, choosing a long distance medical transport company is important for the safety and wellbeing of the patient. Understanding the medical transportation process will ensure that you make the best choices for you or a loved one. Once you make the right decision, you can rest easy knowing your loved one will be in good hands every mile of the way.



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