

“ONE IN A MILLION”

The provincial child and maternal
transport team in British Columbia

**The WHY, HOW, WHO, WHERE & WHEN
of inter-facility transport**

WHY

- Rationalization of resources
- A necessity re provincial geography and population
- Equity of access to tertiary care
- Cost benefit

A province-wide transport system is not an option or a luxury addition for an individual academic centre but an essential component of modern provincial health care.

HOW ¹

- Use the model that meets local need
- Critical mass dictates efficiency
- Use WHY issues as rationale for proposal
- Import solutions and expertise from established programs
- Central organization and single phone call access essential

HOW ²

- Program status, budget and autonomy desirable
- Interdisciplinary teams and partnerships add efficacy
- Program Partnership education necessary to implement and maintain
- QA (Research) essential to sustain (and improve)
- Judicious use of appropriate technology important

WHO

“Competent performance as a transport escort is within the capability of a range of individuals if they are:

- carefully recruited
- properly trained
- adequately equipped
- appropriately directed
- and comprehensively supported”

WHO

MD's

RN's

Paramedics

Pilots

Dispatchers

Other healthcare professionals

Administrators

WHERE

- Location dictated by local forces and need
- Collaborative decision involving all stakeholders
- Resources are required
- Commitment is essential
- Program must operate system/province wide

WHEN

No program =

- unacceptable mortality/morbidity
- lack of or duplication of resources
- unnecessary costs to the system

Partial program =

- all of the above to some degree

RESOURCES

Other programs

American Academy of Pediatrics guidelines

Published literature

Ministry of Health

Stakeholders

Other