

		MULTNOMAH COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES		
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The purpose of this memo is to clarify the expectations for assistance during transport for Multnomah County EMS responders canny for medically unstable patients.

In the presence of a patient with significant potential for a compromised airway in Multnomah County, the transporting paramedic will be expected to anticipate this event and request assistance from other EMS responders at the scene to accompany the patient during transport.

Examples:

1. A trauma patient who meets physiological criteria for trauma system entry.
2. 2. A cardiac patient who is hemodynamically unstable (shock present, or recurrent ventricular tachycardia or ventricular fibrillation).
3. 3. A COPD or asthma patient with severe respiratory distress.