



Toronto Paramedic Services

University Health Network

Stabilization Centre Medical Directive

Quick Reference

Paramedics may bypass a hospital emergency department and transport the patient directly to the UHN SC if the patient meets the following criteria:

Conditions

- ✓ Patient age 16 or greater
- ✓ Known or suspected alcohol (ethanol) intoxication

Vital Signs (at all times)

- ✓ Pulse 50-110 beats per minute
- ✓ Respirations 10-24 breaths per minute
- ✓ Systolic Blood Pressure 100-150 mm Hg
- ✓ Oxygen Saturation 93% or greater on room air
- ✓ Temperature 35.5C - 38C
- ✓ Point of care glucose 6-14 mmol/l

Contraindications

- ✗ Any vital sign outside of the ranges above, at any time in paramedic care
- ✗ CTAS 1
- ✗ Respiratory distress
- ✗ Trauma/injury - evidence or history of recent & significant
- ✗ Life-threatening or time-sensitive condition requiring acute intervention
- ✗ New inability to verbalize/ambulate, unrelated to alcohol
- ✗ New focal neurological deficit
- ✗ Known or suspected toxic ingestion or exposure not related to alcohol (ethanol)
- ✗ Known or suspected opioid use
- ✗ Naloxone administration from any source
- ✗ Pepper spray or crowd-control agent exposure
- ✗ Ongoing agitated/violent behaviour
- ✗ Requires restraint
- ✗ Pt received any of: salbutamol, epinephrine, nitroglycerine, glucagon, dextrose, ketorolac, diphenhydramine, dimenhydrinate



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In order to be appropriate for the Stabilization Centre, the primary reason for the patient's inability to ambulate or verbalize must be ingested ethanol.

If the inability is due to any other cause, the patient is **NOT ELIGIBLE for transport to the Stabilization Centre.**