

## ECMO Transfer Protocol

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### *For Transferring Patients Currently on ECMO support*

- ▶ For VA ECMO (cardiac), contact Abbott Northwestern at 612-863-3911 to page advanced heart failure for an ECMO consult
  - ▶ For VV ECMO (Respiratory), contact the Tele Intensivist at 612-775-9999 for ECMO consult
  - ▶ Activate emergency transport team
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### *For The Sending Provider*

- ▶ Relay the patient's neurological exam, including futility and any bleeding issues
  - ▶ Relay lab work, including ABG, BMP, CBC and lactate (drawn within 2 hours of transport) to the accepting physician
  - ▶ If patient is intubated and on continuous infusion sedation, consider paralytics for transport.
  - ▶ Arrange for a minimum of 2 units packed red blood cells to be sent with patient if indicated
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### *For The Sending Nurse*

- ▶ Prepare and provide transport team with an adequate amount of vasoactive drips, and any other continuous infusing medications
- ▶ If patient is being transported with perfusion from your facility, ensure perfusion has addressed any ECMO circuit incompatibilities with Abbott Northwestern Hospital (Allina's only ECMO Center)



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***This information is intended only as a guideline. Please use your best judgment in the treatment of patients.***