**UI AirCare Automatic Acceptance Program**

1-800-272-6440

### Patient conditions warranting helicopter transport include:

- Severe trauma
- Sepsis
- Suspected or known aortic dissections
- Undifferentiated shock
- Acute coronary syndrome, including STEMI
- Known or suspected intracranial hemorrhage
- Critically ill children
- Patients with acute neurological deficit

### Automatic acceptance does **NOT** include:

- Hand injuries or psychiatric illnesses *(call UI Consult at 800-322-8442)*
- Burn injuries *(call the UI Burn Treatment Center at 319-356-2496)*

### Follow these steps:

1. **Call 1-800-272-6440 (LifeCom).**

   Notify dispatch that you have an automatic acceptance patient for University of Iowa AirCare *(Dr. Azeem Ahmed will be listed as accepting physician).*

2. Once transport is initiated, you will be connected to the Emergency Treatment Center to relay patient information to an attending Emergency Medicine physician at UI Hospitals and Clinics. *In some cases, the physician may have you speak with another specialist to arrange a special procedure area for your patient. This will not delay transportation.*
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Criteria:

• Transferring facility must be a pre-designated member of the Automatic Acceptance Program in agreement with AirCare and UI Hospitals and Clinics.

• AirCare automatic acceptance is limited to transports arranged by AirCare.

• The automatic acceptance protocol relieves the transferring facility of the EMTALA requirement that the patient have an accepting physician, but not the other EMTALA requirements.

• The protocol pertains to Emergency Department patients at outside facilities only and excludes inpatients.