ECMO Transfer Protocol

- For transferring patients who are currently on ECMO support
- Contact Minneapolis Heart Institute® at **612-863-3911** to page advanced heart failure cardiologist for an ECMO consult
- Activate emergency transport team (must include critical care trained personnel, either paramedic or RN, and perfusionist)

**For the sending provider:**

- Patients neurological exam, neuro futility and any bleeding issues should be relayed to accepting physician
- Lab work, including PTT, Plts, Hgb, Hct, should be drawn within 2 hours of transport and abnormalities relayed to accepting physician
- Arrange for a minimum of 2 units of PRBCs to be sent with patient if indicated
- If patient is intubated, consider paralytics for transport

**For the sending nurse:**

- Prepare and provide transport with an adequate amount of vasoactive drips and other continuous infusing medications
- If patient is being transported with perfusion from your facility, ensure perfusion has addressed any ECMO circuit incompatibilities with receiving center prior to transport
- Complete ECMO Transfer Worksheet and fax with the patient’s face sheet to **844-206-0071**

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