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NOTICE

TO: HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATORS
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SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION OF CARDIAC PATIENTS

It has come to the attention of the Department of Hospitals that some ambulance technicians are not following proper procedures in the transport of cardiac or suspect cardiac patients.

Instances have been cited where patients have been walked down stairs by the ambulance technician to the ambulance, with resultant harm to the patient. It is not being dramatic to state that such exertion can be the difference between life and death for such a patient.

The policy of this Department is that the cardiac or suspect cardiac patient be transported to and from the ambulance by stretcher or chair only.

For the protection of the hospital a release signature should be obtained on the ambulance slip when the patient refuses to follow the procedure.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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