

Tree of Life Midwifery Care
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Transport Policy and Procedure

Non-Emergency Transport

- Evaluate client/baby and make a plan of action
- Call ahead to the hospital of choice to see if they are willing to accept client
- Call ahead to the hospital and ask whether they prefer us to go through the Emergency Room or straight to Labor and Delivery. This will alleviate transport confusion.
- Transport client in a private car or by ambulance if this is the desired method
- Appropriate copies from chart will be given to the hospital staff
- Report will be given to charge nurse on duty
- A member of the birth team will accompany the client to the hospital and stay until the member of the birth team knows the client is established in the hospital system. Most of the time the midwife/member of the birth team will stay with the client until the baby is delivered. Sometimes, depending on which hospital the transport is made to, the hospital staff will only allow certain people to remain in the room with the mother. If this happens, the midwife/member of the birth team will remain in the waiting room until she knows that the mother and baby are fine.
- If the transport is done in the Postpartum Period (after birth), a member of the birth team will accompany either the baby or mother to the hospital. Arrangements for the party left behind (baby or mother) will be made to reunite them as soon as possible.

Emergency Transport

All clients, either mother or infant, shall be transported to the nearest hospital with an OB/Gyn department by ambulance. The midwife will make the decision as to whether the situation is an emergency. The midwife will have already given instructions for the family to record information (a sheet has been provided) that might be needed in an emergency situation. This has been done before the birth so time is not wasted in an emergency.

- 911 will be called as soon as the midwife deems necessary. An assistant or support person will do so when instructed by the midwife.
- The midwife will administer the appropriate first aid until the EMT's arrive and are able to assume care.
- The midwife will accompany the client (either adult or infant) to the hospital either by personal car or in an ambulance if rules permit.
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