

APPENDIX 3

Transport Score Level		ERS Version: November 2024	
Level	Acuity Goal ¹	Description	Examples
1 EMERGENT	< 4 hours	<p>immediate threats to life, limb, or vision</p> <p><u>or</u> imminent risk of deterioration</p> <p><u>or</u> requiring immediate interventions beyond the capabilities of the sending facility</p> <p><u>or</u> requiring immediate intervention at the receiving site</p>	<p>Trauma: TTA Level 1 or 2, acute multisystem trauma</p> <p>CVS emergency requiring PCI</p> <p>Neurosurgical emergency requiring surgical intervention</p> <p>Vascular emergency requiring surgical intervention</p> <p>Obstetrics: high risk labour (breach, abruption, cord prolapse etc.), pre-term labour <37 weeks in a facility without resources to manage the neonate</p> <p>Pediatric: shock states (sepsis, congenital heart disease, myocarditis, MISC), vasopressor support; severe respiratory distress or respiratory failure (severe croup, severe bronchiolitis, foreign body aspiration, impending loss of airway or impending respiratory failure), ventilatory support; ongoing seizures, severe DKA with signs of increased ICP, meningitis</p>
2 EMERGENT	< 6 hours	<p>potential threat to life, limb, or vision requiring rapid medical interventions</p> <p><u>or</u> acute illness or injury with potential for deterioration</p> <p><u>or</u> need prompt treatment to stabilise developing problems and treat severe conditions</p> <p><u>or</u> stable conditions that overwhelm a local hospital or nursing station's ability to care for them</p>	<p>intubated patient in a setting without a ventilator</p> <p>ACS or NON-STEMI with ongoing chest pain</p> <p>Pediatric: close monitoring required (respiratory, circulatory, neurologic) but not imminently needing ICU supports (e.g. DKA mild-mod, treated seizure in post-ictal state with depressed level of consciousness but protecting airway; bronchiolitis mild-moderate that may require ventilatory support</p>
3 URGENT	< 12 hours	<p>could potentially progress to a serious problem requiring emergency intervention</p> <p><u>or</u> stable, but diagnosis or presenting problem suggests a potentially more serious process</p> <p><u>or</u> undifferentiated without a precise diagnosis and are stable currently, but there is a concern for possible deterioration beyond the capabilities of the sending facility</p>	<p>stable NON-STEMI without chest pain going for PCI</p> <p>ventilated patient in community hospital requiring tertiary level care</p> <p>stable SOB patient going to rule out pulmonary embolism from rural hospital</p> <p>moderate dehydration requiring IV fluid or decreased urine output over last 24 hours</p> <p>repatriation of patients currently holding a ICU bed that require return to open the bed for future acutely ill patient</p> <p>Pediatric: known high-risk congenital disease who may be stable but there is potential to decompensate</p>
4 NON-URGENT	< 24 hours	<p>acute conditions treated appropriately and stabilized at sending facility going for a consultation at a higher level of care</p> <p><u>or</u> potential seriousness based on the presenting problem or diagnosis is not acute</p> <p><u>or</u> need for potential acute intervention is minimal</p> <p><u>or</u> patients for whom a transfer was pending a bed, and that bed is now available, but the transfer is not of a clinical time-sensitive nature</p>	<p>scheduled appointments</p> <p>stable abdominal pain going for assessment (with low risk of surgical cause)</p> <p>closed fractures requiring orthopedic assessment (with no risk of delay in possible surgical reduction)</p>
5 NON-URGENT	< 48 hours	<p>non-urgent, next day booked transfers</p> <p><u>or</u> conditions that may be acute but non-urgent</p> <p><u>or</u> conditions which may be part of a chronic problem</p> <p><u>or</u> investigation or interventions for these illnesses or injuries do not pose any immediate risk</p>	<p>next day non-urgent</p> <p>repatriation of patients who are not holding a tertiary care ICU bed</p>

¹ Goal for best effort time from first contact with VECTRS to arrival at receiving site is: