

**KENORA DISTRICT SERVICES BOARD  
POLICY and PROCEDURE**

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<b>TITLE: MULTIPLE PATIENT TRANSPORT</b>	<b>SECTION: LAND AMBULANCE</b>
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**1. POLICY STATEMENT**

Ambulance staff required to transport more than one patient at a time will ensure the safety and security of each patient.

**2. PROCEDURE**

2.1 Patients not considered suitable for multiple patient transport are patients:

- a) in an unstable condition.
- b) whose condition may be a source of embarrassment or discomfort to either patient.
- c) suspected/diagnosed with a communicable disease.
- d) who have a validated D.N.R. order in place.

2.2 Non-emergency transportation of male and female patients, at the same time, is acceptable provided that each patient is individually considered suitable for multiple patient transport.

2.3 The decision to transport multiple patients from a scene will depend on the availability of a second vehicle to the scene and also the extent of the injuries sustained by the patient(s).

2.4 The first vehicle on the scene will remain until only one patient is left at the scene. The first vehicle will then transport the last patient.

2.5 The condition of the most seriously injured/ill determines the scene to destination priority.

2.6 Patients will be transported to the closest appropriate facility.

2.7 All patients transported, regardless of their injuries, must be suitably secured and restrained in the vehicle.

2.8 Non-emergency situation:

- a) The hospital and/or doctor and ambulance staff have the final decision in approving multiple patient transport.
- b) Ambulance staff who decide a patient is not suitable for a multiple patient transport will advise dispatch and document their decision.