

Tennessee Orthopaedic Society - Transfers

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1. Scene vs interfacility
2. Specialization
3. Networks
4. Diversion
5. Moving the knowledge but not the patient

1. Scene vs interfacility

- EMS decision making on destination guidelines
- EMTALA – EMC transfers
- Inpatient/elective transfers

2. Specialization

- Medical community becoming more specialized

Hepatology/GI

ERCP

Stroke

- Orthopaedic examples
- Volume driven towards larger centers
- Closure of community hospitals and creation of freestanding EDs

3. Networks

- Impact of narrow networks in Tennessee
- TNCare
- Impact of transfers to out-of-network facilities
- Surprise out-of-network fees in elective admissions
- State law 840
- System leakage, centralized transfer centers

4. Diversion

- EMS diversion
- Transfer diversion
- Critical capacity last winter

5. Moving the knowledge not the patient

- Telemedicine – stroke example
- Barriers to wider adoption – credentialing, billing
- Essential to maintaining a healthy hospital system in TN