

## **Survival Flight Visiting Program Notification**

### **I. RISK STATEMENT**

To reduce risks associated with multiple simultaneous helicopter operations at Michigan Medicine, to ensure the most appropriate helipad is available considering the nature of the patient, and to provide time to plan logistics of using the auxiliary helistop/airports for patient delivery when needed.

### **III. DEFINITIONS**

- A. Michigan Medicine. The combined effort of The University of Michigan Health System and the School of Medicine. Abbreviated MM.
- B. Authorization to Land: Granted access to private MM owned helipads for the purpose of bringing patients to the main Michigan Medicine Medical Campus.
- C. Approved Pilot List: Attestation log provided by non-Michigan Medicine programs confirming education on MM requirements and procedures for landing at MM private helipads. This training is required for all incoming HAA pilots annually.
- D. ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival at MM.
- E. Visiting Program: A Helicopter Air Ambulance provider, or operator, other than MM Survival Flight, seeking permission to land at a MM owned helipad.
- F. Sending Facility: A hospital or medical facility other than main Michigan Medicine Medical Campus, from which the visiting program intends to transfer a patient.

### **IV. RISK MITIGATION**

- A. All pilots flying into ANY Michigan Medicine Helipad are required to complete annual video training and policy review and submit attestation. The training is located on the Survival Flight website: <http://www.survivalflight.com>. **Failure to complete this training and notify the Survival Flight Communications Center will prohibit landing at a Michigan Medicine helipad.**
- B. The Survival Flight Communications Center (SFCS) is the authority for incoming HAA operations for Michigan Medicine. The notification(s) of this section should be made by the visiting programs communication center, or operational control center.
  - 1. Visiting Programs shall notify SFCS of their intent to land at MM, and advise of their aircraft ETA, not less than **30 minutes prior to ETA**, by calling 800-822-2233.
  - 2. This notification shall include the following information:
    - a) ETA to MM.
    - b) Accepting MM Physician (not applicable to scene and ED transfers).
    - c) Patient Destination at MM, e.g. unit and room number.
    - d) Pilots first and last name.
    - e) If requesting permission to land on the CS MOTT Children's Hospital rooftop helipad:
      - i. Aircraft Type
      - ii. Number of Engines (Single engine helicopters are prohibited to land on MOTT).

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3. For ED to ED and ICU to ICU transports, it is advisable that visiting programs notify Survival Flight Communication Center of their intent to land at MM prior to landing at the sending facility.
  4. For scene calls, it is advisable that visiting programs notify Survival Flight Communication Center of their intent to land at MM prior to landing at the scene.
- C. If the anticipated ETA changes by more than 10 minutes, visiting programs shall update Survival Flight communication center of the updated ETA as soon as possible.
- D. Visiting programs shall confirm the ETA of their aircraft to MM with Survival Flight communication center shortly before departure from the sending facility, or scene.
- E. Pilots of visiting programs shall contact Survival Flight Communication Center on VHF Frequency 130.6 MHz, 10 minutes prior to their ETA, or as soon as practicable after takeoff if their flight time from the sending facility, or scene, to MM, is less than 10 minutes. A listening watch shall be maintained on 130.6 MHz from that time until they have landed at MM and shutdown the aircraft.
- F. Survival Flight Communication Center will provide landing permission and landing instructions, including which helipad the visiting program is authorized to land on, to visiting program pilots via VHF 130.6 MHz.

**Note:** Exceptions to the 30-minute advanced notification requirement of section B.1 shall be made for scene calls only. In the case of a scene call, visiting programs shall notify Survival Flight communication center as soon as possible, and in all cases notification shall be made BEFORE the visiting programs aircraft lands at the scene.

**\*Noncompliance with this policy by visiting programs may result in revocation of that programs landing privileges at all Michigan Medecine helipads.**

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