

- **When should you call for CCT or C3IFT?**
- Does your patient have critical drips (Levophed, Dopamine, Dobutamine, Vasopressin, Nipride, Nitroglycerin) that need to be titrated?
 - ⇒ If the answer is yes, then you should request CCT
 - If the drip is **not** being titrated and the patient is stable, then a C3IFT transport would be needed.
 - Is your patient receiving multiple units of blood, FFP, or other products?
 - ⇒ If the patient requires multiple transfusions, then CCT should be requested.
 - ⇒ If the patient is already receiving blood and requires no additional blood or blood products en route, then a C3IFT should be requested. A C3IFT Paramedic can monitor blood only and cannot initiate additional units of blood. It must be infusing a minimum of 15 minutes before departing the facility.
 - ⇒ Is your patient in need of any specialized procedures or have they had any specialized procedures that require close observation?
 - ⇒ If yes, then CCT should be requested.
 - ⇒ Is there a high potential for complicated airway problems?
 - ⇒ If yes, then CCT should be requested.
 - ⇒ Our C3IFT Paramedics have been trained to manage patients with tracheostomies, chest tubes, Foley catheters and central lines.
 - ⇒ Is your patient an active MI with continued pain or other complications?
 - ⇒ If yes, then request CCT.
 - ⇒ If the patient is pain-free and is going for a scheduled cardiac catheter, then a C3IFT request should be made.
 - ⇒ Does your patient have extensive neurological problems or equipment that needs to be monitored?
 - Request CCT
 - ⇒ If the patient is stable, then request C3IFT.
 - ⇒ Does your patient have an arterial line or a Swan-Ganz catheter?
 - C3IFT paramedics can transport patients with arterial lines, but they cannot monitor them.
 - Request CCT for a patient with a Swan-Ganz catheter.
 - ⇒ Does your patient have multi-system trauma requiring a trauma center?
 - Allow the medical command physician to determine if a local EMS agency should transport the patient to decrease the time to the O.R.

These are just a few examples in which patients may need critical care transport or C3IFT transport.

The biggest determining factor is the stability and complexity of the patient.