

Mercy EMS Education

Clinical Operations Team

Fine Tuning Our Practice

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Lights and Sirens

Outstanding work decreasing our percentage of L&S transports!!!

- **There are very few situations where L&S transports improve outcomes.**
- **If you have a STEMI or Stroke and the patient needs expedited transport = decrease your scene time to save the 1-3 min that L&S could.**
- **L&S may need considered in cases such as:**
  - **Failed airway with difficulty ventilating**
  - **Penetrating trauma with suspected internal bleeding**
  - **Maternal arrest with possible viable fetus**
  - **OB delivery with previa, limb presentation or prolapsed cord**

READ your AI report, at times AI may include in your narrative that "patient was ambulated to stretcher with pregnancy and prolapsed cord":

- **We understand you would not walk a patient with a prolapsed cord, but you must read the AI narrative to catch inaccuracies like these.**

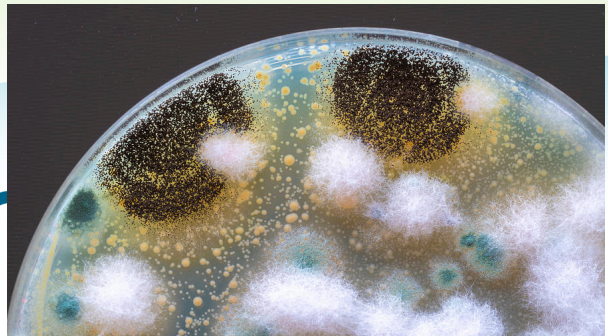
Patients with a history of COPD and CHF with respiratory distress can be difficult to determine the disease process causing the dyspnea:

- **Consider using not just the physical exam but also vital signs to help distinguish COPD and CHF.**
- **Patients with significant hypertension usually have at lease some CHF and nitroglycerin should be considered. Those with SBP >180 will likely have CHF to some extent.**

Candida Auris

This is becoming a real concern

- **This is a rare fungal infection typically in sick or immunosuppressed patients**
- **Healthy caregivers or providers can acquire the fungus and become a carrier of the resistant organism.** **(no current antifungal treatment is known for this organism)**
- **Full gown, gloves, mask and eye pro should be used when caring for these patients.**



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