JOINT CONSENSUS STATEMENT ON “HELICOPTER SHOPPING”

“Helicopter Shopping” is the practice of calling, in sequence, several air medical systems until one will accept the mission. There is evidence to suggest that the practice of helicopter shopping may impact the safety of air medical professionals, patients and the community at large.

ENA and ASTNA:

1. Acknowledge the problem of helicopter shopping and support the development of prevention strategies to eliminate the possibility of adverse events related to its practice.

2. Are committed to working together to enhance the quality of care and safety for patients in air medical care settings, and support partnerships between emergency nurses and air medical professionals.

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