

# IC-physician versus qualified IC-nurse-based interhospital critical care transport (IQ-transport) study

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## Additional identifiers

**Protocol serial number**  
N/A

## Study information

**Scientific Title**

IC-physician versus qualified IC-nurse-based interhospital critical care transport (IQ-transport) study

## Acronym

IQ-transport study

## Study objectives

Interhospital transport of IC-patients can be escorted solely by a registered IC-nurse.

## Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

## Ethics approval(s)

Not provided at time of registration

## Study design

Randomised controlled trial

## Primary study design

Interventional

## Study type(s)

Treatment

## Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Intensive Care (IC) patients

## Interventions

Study strategies:

1. Transport will be performed by a physician-based team: an IC-trained physician will accompany a registered IC-nurse
  2. Transport will be performed solely by a registered IC-nurse. In this strategy, an IC-physician is physically present during inter-hospital transport; however, the physician does not play any role in the treatment of patient until a formal request is made by the IC-nurse.
- In both strategies the ambulance crew is present.

## Intervention Type

Other

## Phase

Not Specified

## Primary outcome(s)

Incidence of critical events defined as:

1. Related to intensive care (lead disconnections, loss of battery power or any other technical equipment failure, airway loss requiring airway manipulation or reintubation, loss of any intravascular device, dislodgment of any thoracostomy tube, Foley catheter, or surgical drain)
2. Clinical deteriorations related to critical illness (death, decrease in arterial saturation of >10% for >10 min, undesired rise or fall in arterial blood pressure [systolic, diastolic or mean, defined as >20 mmHg from baseline for >10 min], hemorrhage or blood loss estimated to be >250 ml, new cardiac arrhythmias with associated hemodynamic deterioration or are generally accepted

as requiring urgent therapy [occasional premature ventricular or atrial contractions were not considered significant], temperature fall below 36 degrees Celsius)

**Key secondary outcome(s)**

No secondary outcome measures

**Completion date**

01/02/2008

## Eligibility

**Key inclusion criteria**

Consecutive IC-patients (>18 years of age) transported by the Mobile Intensive Care Unit, Academic Medical Center, University of Amsterdam.

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Healthy volunteers allowed**

No

**Age group**

Adult

**Lower age limit**

18 years

**Sex**

All

**Key exclusion criteria**

IC-patients considered to be too instable to be transported without a physician as team member - one or more of the following criteria:

1. PaO<sub>2</sub>/FiO<sub>2</sub> <100 with PEEP >15
2. Mean arterial pressure <60 mmHg despite adequate fluid therapy and inotropics (noradrenalin >0.35 kg/microg/min, dopamine >15 kg/microg/min)
3. Episode of resuscitation (chest compression or cardiac defibrillation) in 24 hours before interhospital transport

**Date of first enrolment**

01/02/2006

**Date of final enrolment**

01/02/2008

## Locations

**Countries of recruitment**

Netherlands

**Study participating centre**  
**Academic Medical Center (AMC)**  
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## Sponsor information

**Organisation**  
Academic Medical Center (AMC), Mobile Intensive Care Unit (The Netherlands)

**ROR**  
<https://ror.org/03t4gr691>

## Funder(s)

**Funder type**  
University/education

**Funder Name**  
Academic Medical Center (AMC)

**Alternative Name(s)**  
Academic Medical Center, AMC

**Funding Body Type**  
Private sector organisation

**Funding Body Subtype**  
Universities (academic only)

**Location**  
Netherlands

## Results and Publications

**Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan**

**IPD sharing plan summary**

Not provided at time of registration

## Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	01/07/2016		Yes	No
<a href="#">Participant information sheet</a>	Participant information sheet	11/11/2025	11/11/2025	No	Yes