AIR EVAC OF THE SEVERE BURNED PATIENT - TIPS, TRICKS AND PITFALLS (P019)

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Introduction: Air evacuation of the burn patient is a challenge. In Belgium the transport by air can have several advantages bringing the burn patient as fast as possible to the special burn unit.

Method: Good preparation of all material used in air transport, good training of technical skills and daily practice are the cornerstones of successful air transport. We want to share our experience with other burn care specialists.

Results: The personal of the burn unit of the Military Hospital Queen Astrid is frequently asked to transport a burned patient from different parts in Belgium to a burn center. Together with the air transport component of the Belgian Army, those transports are done by SEAKING helicopter. We want to give tips and tricks during preparing and performing such a transfer and also warn for the pitfalls which may occur.

Conclusion: Nobody is perfect, but continuous training and learning from made mistakes, must help us to upgrade our knowledge. This will help us to be creative in handle problems during sometimes not easy transport conditions.