



DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE

**EM Transfer Guideline
Proximal Acute Aortic Dissection Management (Atraumatic)**

OVERVIEW:

- (1) RUHS does NOT currently have capability to manage atraumatic proximal acute aortic dissections/aneurysms
- (2) Except for Trauma Continuation Transfers from an outside hospital, the DEM will NOT accept patients with Aortic root (**Type A**) dissections or Aneurysms
- (3) Consistent with the ED transfer guideline, the DEM will Contact Vascular/Thoracic prior to accepting any acute/emergent vascular pathology
- (4) RUHS DEM will work to expeditiously transfer all Aortic Root Injuries

MANAGEMENT:

- (1) Not all Aortic Dissections/Aneurysms will require transfer to an Aortic Center. For stable patients, consult vascular, management at RUHS or as an outpatient may be reasonable.
- (2) For unstable and acute/symptomatic proximal aortic aneurysms/dissections, RUHS will coordinate transfer to an Aortic Center (*see list of resources below*)
- (3) DEM will continue medical management and may consult vascular if any delays in transfer (**>1-2 hours**) are incurred

TRANSFER:

- (1) RUHS will first attempt an ED to ED to LLUMC. If they are at capacity, the centers listed below will be contacted
- (2) RUHS ED (Medical Unit Clerks/Case Management) will attempt to transfer patients to an Aortic Center
- (3) All calls and declinations will be timed and documented
- (4) RUHS ED will continue to manage patients (*e.g., reverse coagulopathies, pre-op labs and stabilization, blood pressure management, and transfusions as needed*) prior to acceptance
- (5) Any transfer delay >2 hrs. must be escalated to the ED Leadership, house supervisor and then to the AOC and potentially to the RUHS CMO

AORTIC CENTERS <i>(All phone numbers are current as of 10-2023)</i>	
LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY MEDIUCAL CENTER HEART & VASCULAR INTERNATIONAL HEART INSTITUTE <i>(800) 865-5862</i>	RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL HEART CARE INSTITUTE <i>(877) 922-3648</i>
ST. BERNADINES MEDICAL CENTER EMPIRE HEART & VASCULAR CENTER <i>(909) 685-5922 / (909) 332-0263</i>	LOS ANGELES GENERAL HOSPITAL MAC CENTER <i>(866) 940-4401</i>
KECK MEDICINE USC COMPREHENSIVE AORTIC CENTER <i>(866) 652-6782</i>	UCLA AORTIC CENTER <i>(310) 825-0909</i>
UC IRVINE HEALTH <i>(714) 456-2222</i>	CEDARS SINAI MEDICAL CENTER <i>(310) 423-2400</i>
UC SAN DIEGO <i>(619) 543-5709</i>	HOAG, NEWPORT BEACH <i>(949) 650-3350</i>
HUNTINGTON HOSPITAL, PASADENA <i>(626) 397-5000</i> <i>(Ask for Higher Level of Care Transfer)</i>	MEMORIAL CARE, LONG BEACH <i>(833) 349-2678 (Press Option #9)</i>
TORRANCE MEMORIAL <i>(310) 517-4763 (Press Option #2)</i>	