



Brief of Current Operations Affecting University Air Care

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- Air Care has been safely flying NVG night operations since fall of 2009 using our current helicopter modifications and under our current policy and with full regulatory approval.
- Recently the FAA identified 64 EMS helicopters across the country that fell outside previous specifications and now need to be re-modified for NVG use.
- Both University Hospital Air Care helicopters are now required to have this modification and cannot fly using NVGs until then.
- Air Care is still flying all night missions that were typically done safely without NVGs. This includes all flights to airports and all flights to hospitals at night.
- Air Care is temporarily restricted from flying to accident scenes at night only.

Air Care Continues to:

- Meet EMS at any airport to rendezvous for patient transport day or night
- Meet EMS at any hospital helipad to rendezvous for patient transport day or night
- Maintain all hospital transfer practices regardless of day or night

Air Care is:

- Working diligently to uphold our high level of safety by abiding by the FAA mandate and our own operational policies
- Doing everything possible to get back to full operations as quickly as possible
- Securing one of our aircraft to be the first in the country to be re-modified for NVG use
- *Operation Safe Path:* Partnering with Fire & EMS agencies to identify pre-designated landing zones that we can fly to at night with or without NVGs after pilot inspection
- Partnering with Miami Valley Care Flight and PHI as our primary mutual aid backup (they were unaffected by this FAA mandate) if you need a helicopter at the scene instead of rendezvousing with Air Care at an airport, hospital, or inspected pre-designated LZ
- Doing our best to keep you informed of this unexpected regulatory issue between the FAA, Ahlers (company that completed original NVG modifications to aircraft), and Omniflight (our aircraft vendor)