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We Are Not Mutts – The Critical Care Transport RN

By Kevin Erickson

Some things are simply a mystery and so goes the perceived role and importance that the Critical

Care Transport (CCT) RN plays in the healthcare field. Other professionals seem to view us like mutts – a little bit of everything but certainly not a thoroughbred in anything.

I once heard a co-worker describe the job as something between a magnified EMT and a bench warmer. Such flattery – but what can you do?

Anyhow, I just wanted to set the record straight, so to speak, by pointing out the value and importance that the CCT RN brings to the table.

What's so ironic about the perception is that most CCT RN's are veteran nurses from the ICU or ER with certifications that give new meaning to the use of acronyms. Many hold certifications that consist of ACLS, PALS, CCRN, CEN, TNCC, PHTLS, ATLS and anyway – you get the picture.

Not to mention while other nurses were out frolicking in the sun on their day off; oftentimes, we sat in some hot, claustrophobic classroom in pursuit of greater knowledge. In addition, extensive training takes place before we are even allowed to come into contact with a patient, with classes ranging from airway management, advanced life support, managing portable ventilators, pharmacology, and trauma protocols.

As in all fields of nursing, the amount of information thrown your way is vast and at times can be a bit over-whelming. Of course, you must learn it all and then be able to repeat it verbatim, back to the instructor.

Of course, the rear confines of the ambulance is simply a mini ER. Believe me, there's no such thing as a claustrophobic CCT RN. Standard equipment includes: IV pumps, pulse oximetry, monitor, airway equipment and a pharmacy of drugs. Pretty much all life saving procedures are provided here – CCT RN's are trained to be prepared for anything.

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Truth be told, to make it out there in the real world a CCT RN has to be intelligent, witty and quick on their feet. Murphy's Law at hyper-drive is the norm and thus a solid foundation in the fundamentals of critical care along with extensive training prepares the CCT RN for anything and everything.

On the down side, regardless of training and experience, you can never be totally prepared but the key, irrespective of the circumstances is to always keep continuity of care from the sending to the receiving hospital. In most instances, patient care and outcome improves primarily due to this 1-to-1 ratio.

It's an exciting and a personally rewarding profession that defines care one patient at a time. On the other hand; at times, it can be a thankless job but like our contemporary professionals we are all on the same team with the same goal – to care for the patient and get them to the next stage of recovery as quickly as possible.

Remember, we are not mutts, so the next time a CCT RN crosses your path throw us a bone in the

form of respect – not a dog biscuit.

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Transfer Made Easy Through Heavy Transport

By Ryan Bombard

Heavy transport services ensure handling and transportation of heavy materials safely. Bulk material like pallets, cement, iron pipes and ore concentrates can all be transported easily through heavy transport facility. There are multiple transportation options for those who want heavy materials transported. Heavy transport can be done through trucks, trains and even cargo ships. Most people use trucks, as it is the most convenient heavy transport option. Meeting specific requirements of all the customers through versatility and flexibility are the key to run a successful heavy transport business.

Techniques of Heavy Transport Many employers make use of pallet trucks for transporting heavy

material. The pallet truck is specially designed to lift weight up to 4000lbs. It uses a pallet jack to lift material from the ground. Thus, the purpose of the heavy transport companies is solved with the help of the pallet trucks. A pallet truck is made of stainless steel and zinc, which is further galvanized and coated with chrome. This gives the pallet truck a unique property of being able to withstand environmental conditions and rough terrains.

Types of Pallet Trucks A variety of pallet trucks is available in the market. You can choose the one best suited to your work. Heavy transport is best done with pallet trucks. Ergonomic pallet trucks, foldable pallet trucks, electrical pallet trucks, low profile trucks, big wheeler trucks are just some, to name a few. Some of the pallet trucks provide the facility of a push rod or an integral scale. Even wide turning radius pallet trucks are available in the market.

Skin adaptor is another feature that the pallet trucks offer now. Many pallet trucks with advanced features like an LCD display, a printer and auto fare functions attract customers. These special functions work on rechargeable batteries. To purchase a pallet truck, you can go online or even get one custom designed.

Heavy transport has become easy with pallet trucks. However, extra care needs to be taken while using these advanced trucks. Less manual labor and more power equipments need to be used to reduce ergonomic stress. Maintenance of these trucks is another factor that has to be looked into.

Ryan Bombard writes about various heavy transport topics.

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