Part F1 - Mechanical Ventilators

- All artificially ventilated patients must be transferred on a ventilator; however, if a transport ventilator is unavailable, due to its being loaned out to other health care facilities for the COVID-19 emergency, it is acceptable to use bag-valve-mask ventilation during transport for a patient who was on a ventilator at the initial site, such as a long-term care facility, home, or a sending hospital.

- Consider sedation/analgesia, remember that paralysis is not sedation!

- All ventilators must be able to meet the demands of the patient’s condition, taking into consideration all settings and features described or stipulated by the sending facility and/or physician.

- Ventilators may not be full control mode only and must be capable of meeting the patient’s ventilatory needs. Ventilator settings must be documented on Patient Care Report.

- On-line MEDICAL CONTROL is required for any instance when adjustment of the ventilator settings is needed.