



OSF Life Flight

About Us

OSF Life Flight is a 24-hour helicopter medical transport system based in Bloomington, Galesburg, Peru, Quad Cities and Rock Falls, Illinois. OSF HealthCare leads the way in air ambulance service in Illinois and operates one of the premier flight programs in the United States. We provide safe and fast critical care transport while maintaining a perfect safety record.

OSF HealthCare is an integrated health system founded by The Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis and headquartered in Peoria, Illinois. The system includes 18 inpatient facilities encompassing 16 licensed hospitals, two of which operate dual campuses in separate communities. Among these hospitals, 10 are acute care facilities, five are critical access hospitals and one is a continuing care facility. OSF has 2,141 licensed beds throughout Illinois and Michigan and employs more than 27,000 Mission Partners across 170+ locations. It has 39 urgent care locations and two colleges of nursing. The OSF HealthCare physician network employs more than 2,433 primary, specialty and advanced practice providers.

How Life Flight Works

An OSF Life Flight team may be requested by physicians, hospital personnel, emergency medical services, fire personnel, police, emergency management agencies and 9-1-1 dispatch centers. The toll-free emergency dispatch number is (855) OSF-FLYT (855-673-3598). It is answered 24 hours a day by nationally certified flight communication specialists. The OSF Life Flight communications center (Flight Comm) is located in Peoria.

During an average month, Flight Comm receives about 200-300 requests for patient transfers to be conducted by air.

Medical Crew

The medical flight crew includes two flight nurses. The crew trains in aeromedical patient transport with specialized skills in intubation, surgical airway, needle thoracentesis, pericardiocentesis and transtracheal jet ventilation for critical patients care. All flight nurses have a minimum of five years of critical care experience and several required trauma and life support certifications. Continual training occurs in the many ICUs of OSF HealthCare hospitals and through Jump Trading Simulation & Education Center in Peoria.

Specialty teams are utilized with the core crew for maternal (high-risk obstetrics) and neonatal (high-risk premature infant) services.

Our Fleet

The active fleet consists of six Airbus EC145 helicopters based in Bloomington, Galesburg, Peru, Quad Cities and Rock Falls. These are strategically placed in order to provide the quickest response time to patients throughout the many regions.

Pilots must have a minimum of 2,000 hours of helicopter pilot-in-command time, a commercial helicopter certificate and current instrument rating.

Each aircraft has full IFR capabilities, with OSF Life Flight having proprietary approaches into 15 hospitals throughout the service region.

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