Who is Air Ambulance Worldwide, Inc.

Air Ambulance Worldwide, Inc. is a leading provider of Domestic and International emergency and non-emergency air ambulance transfers. AAWI is also a premier provider of Commercial Medical Escort and International Stretcher services. These services are provided to patients of private individuals and family members, hospitals, nursing homes, insurance companies and all travel assist companies. Our services are all-inclusive, which means we include 100% of the necessary arrangements to transfer your patient or loved one.

AAWI’s “Bed-to-Bed” commitment will include Ground Transportation in both departing and arrival cities, a specialized medical team, continual updates throughout the transfer and all coordination.

Our company is dedicated to the finest service available in the medical transfer industry. Our corporate mission statement is to, “Provide the best possible patient care, utilizing professional and highly qualified medical staff, premiere aircraft and flight crews, while offering the service at a fair value.” AAWI is accident free with a 100% safety record.

Our Commitment to You!

- Provide a Flight Coordinator that is experienced and expertly trained in assisting during a time of crisis.
- Provide rapid response. We can typically respond with a proposal within 30 minutes.
- Provide an all-inclusive written proposal. No hidden costs.
- Provide a safe air ambulance that is staffed and equipped to meet the specific needs of a patient.
- Obtain a pre-flight medical report from the attending doctor/hospital.
- Provide and coordinate ground transportation at both airports.
- Bedside to bedside care - meaning we will be with the patient from “Bed-to-Bed”.
- Provide the receiving hospital with a complete medical turnover report.
- Clear and concise communications with all interested parties throughout the transfer.
- Assist in obtaining a receiving facility when needed.
- Family members or companions can fly with the patient and be by their side at no additional cost - to be determined by Medical Report.
International Accreditation

The EURAMI International Accreditation represents excellent service for patients utilizing air medical transportation. This includes a high level of safety and quality in terms of capabilities, medical management and qualifications, aircraft configuration and equipment, operational issues, communications, management policies and quality management. With this accreditation, Air Ambulance Worldwide joins an elite group of organizations recognized by EURAMI.

“Attaining EURAMI accreditation is a noteworthy accomplishment for Air Ambulance Worldwide,” said Mark Jones, company founder and President. “Providing our patients with the security of knowing they are protected has always been our top priority.”

“The team here at Air Ambulance Worldwide has worked extremely hard to develop a platform that our patients, their families and insurance companies can rely upon for the utmost in safety, professionalism and dependability,” said Jones “We’re honored to have an association as prestigious as EURAMI recognize our on-going efforts to deliver superior medical expertise and customer service.”

EURAMI is a non-profit association of air medical professionals and operators from 27 countries in and outside Europe aiming to promote air rescue and to develop and harmonize quality standards and to improve patient care and safety in air medical transports.

EURAMI is recognized as the top accreditation body in the United States and Europe for air medical evacuation providers. Their certification is a mark of trust and reliability for patients.

Our Medical Director

Dr. Elias Kolettis completed his masters degree in Reproductive Endocrinology at Case Western Reserve University and his medical degree at Ohio University. He began his Internal Medicine career in 1998 after completing his training at the Cleveland Clinic, James A. Haley Veterans Administration Hospital, and Suncoast Hospital. He initiated his medical career as a critical care internist providing hospitalist services to over 50 physicians in Pinellas County, FL. He is an associate professor of Internal Medicine at Northside Hospital in St. Petersburg, FL, training medical students, interns, and residents. Dr. Kolettis serves as the medical director and primary investigator at Clinical Research of West Florida and has a private internal medicine practice in Safety Harbor, FL. He began his flight physician career five years ago and joined Air Ambulance Worldwide, Inc. in 2009. Recently appointed medical director of Air Ambulance Worldwide, Inc., Dr. Kolettis coordinates, supervises, and regulates the delivery of quality comprehensive medical care for all domestic and international medical missions in addition to being an active flight physician.

Our Medical Staff

The medical staff provided on our air ambulance transfers are highly trained and licensed as Physicians, Nurses, Paramedics, Respiratory Therapists or other specialized medical professionals. They all have a minimum of 3 – 5 years experience in Emergency Medicine, ICU, CCU, or Pre-Hospital training. In addition to these certifications, the medical team may also be trained in Basic Life Support (BLS), Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), Critical Care Nursing or Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS). All flight personnel are trained in Aviation Physiology.
Our Fleet

Air Ambulance Worldwide’s affiliate Air GATO Enterprises owns and operates its own FAA 135 Certificate, J72A436L. Air GATO Enterprises manages the AAWI owned aircraft as well as aircraft owned by separate individuals that are utilized by AAWI for air ambulance transfers. AAWI also has contracted aircraft vendors who operate under their own FAA 135 certificates. AAWI has signed contracts for aircraft arrangements with these certificate holders to provide an ambulance jet.

Air Ambulance Worldwide is the first and only air ambulance operator of the Piaggio P180 in the United States today. The P180, better known as the Avanti I, is one of the most sophisticated aircraft manufactured today. It provides the very best cabin environment available for your patient’s care as well as the comfort of the traveling companions.

AAWI is the only air ambulance operator of the Piaggio P180 in the US today.

The Avanti I flies at 450 mph at an altitude of up to 41,000 feet which allows us to keep the flight times to a minimum and get over top of the challenging weather. The aircraft has a much larger cabin than the Lear Jet with 3 more additional seats so that companions, family and friends can travel with the patient (Total of 3 passengers). One of the most useful and most appreciated amenities of the aircraft is its private enclosed bathroom, along with a very large luggage capacity (66 cu. Ft. or approx. 3-4 large suitcases and most standard wheelchairs). The range of this aircraft is from South America to Canada.

From our economical piston twin engine aircraft, with a slightly longer flight time, to our Gulfstream III, our luxury long-range option, AAWI is able to provide the best possible transfer options for your patient.

Air Ambulance Transfers

Air Ambulance transfers are provided via a variety of aircraft types. The majority are performed utilizing twin engines, turbo props, and jets. But, depending on the patient condition, distance of travel, and budget, other aircraft are used. All aircraft are configured as mini intensive care units which are designed to handle BLS, ALS, and Critical Care patients. The medical staff requirements are determined by the patient’s condition and consist of Nurses, Doctors, Paramedics, Respiratory Therapists or other specialists. Air Ambulance Worldwide is able to have wheels up to pick up your patient in as little as 2 hours.

We Will Provide:

- A Flight Coordinator who will request pertinent information to provide an all-inclusive written proposal - There will be NO HIDDEN COSTS!
- A written “Authorization To Transfer” form detailing the entire transfer will be sent to the party that is financially responsible for the transfer.
- Our medical coordinator will contact the proper medical personnel at the current facility to obtain a pre-flight medical report.
- All international handling as necessary.
- All customs and immigrations requirements.
- Bed-to-Bed care.
- Ground transportation at the departure and arrival cities.
- Complete communications with all parties during the entire transfer process. You identify who you would like to have updated during the transfer and we keep them informed.

Accompanying the Patient

Family members or companions are welcomed and encouraged to accompany the patient on private air ambulance transfers at no additional charge. This is always determined by the patient’s condition, special medical equipment required onboard the aircraft, the necessary medical team and seat availability. The patient will always be the first priority.

Level of Treatment

There are varied levels of service available with an air ambulance transfer. Air Ambulance Worldwide, Inc. is committed to providing the proper level of treatment for each specific patient. As always, the patient’s needs dictate what service is utilized in their transfer. The services that are available are Basic Life Support, Advanced Life Support and Critical Care Support.
Commercial Medical Escort Service

When patients are medically stable and the expense of a private air ambulance is not a necessity, Air Ambulance Worldwide can provide our Commercial Medical Escort service. Typically these patients require oxygen, basic monitoring, administration of medications and basic hygiene assistance. Air Ambulance Worldwide has open, working relationships with all airline medical desks which helps to expedite medical and oxygen approval for our flights. With the security issues and new airport restrictions our medical escort personnel provide the medical and personal support that the patient needs to navigate through today’s airports. Our medical escort personnel accompany the patient every step of the way. This service costs thousands less than a private air ambulance and could be exactly right for you and your family.

Air Ambulance Worldwide will:

- Coordinate the entire Medical Escort Transfer.
- Obtain medical clearance through the airline’s medical help desk.
- Book all tickets for the medical escort patient and any family members.
- Arrange and provide all ground transportation.
- Provide priority boarding and seating arrangements.
- Provide Aero-medically trained personnel to monitor and care for the patient throughout the transfer.

- Update all interested parties and family as the transfer progresses.

Our aeromedically trained medical staff are trained to not only assist our patients medically, but to help relieve the anxiety from dealing with today’s airports.

Private Insurance Specialists

Air Ambulance Worldwide’s team of Insurance Specialists are able to assist with a patient’s insurance needs. Insurance coverage on air ambulance flights is determined on a case by case basis. There are numerous factors that come into play when establishing whether or not this service is covered. You must know the right questions to ask and be able to interpret the answers in order to confirm if you truly do have coverage. Each patient’s condition and policy benefits are unique.

Our Insurance Specialists have the experience and can determine if your claim will be accepted or rejected. Let us take away your insurance headache and help determine whether your policy provides coverage. If it is determined that you do have coverage, we work to obtain pre-authorizations and follow the claim through payment.

International Commercial Medical Stretcher Service

Through our connections with International Commercial Airlines, it is possible to transport patients who qualify and are stable enough to fly, utilizing our commercial medical stretcher service. Our commercial medical stretcher service can save thousands of dollars compared to a private air ambulance and the patient will receive expert medical attention. We arrange for a block of seats to be removed from the aircraft, install an FAA approved airline stretcher with a privacy curtain and provide the proper medical team to care for the patient.

Family or companions can fly along with the patient and be by their side.

Air Ambulance Worldwide will:

- Coordinate the entire Commercial Medical Stretcher Transfer.
- Obtain REQUIRED airline medical clearance.
- Book the stretcher installation, and tickets for patient, medical escort and family/companions.
- Arrange and provide all ground transportation.
- Coordinate the transfer with the attending and receiving facility.

- Arrange for the proper medical team, equipment and supplies.
- Update all interested parties and family as the transfer progresses.