

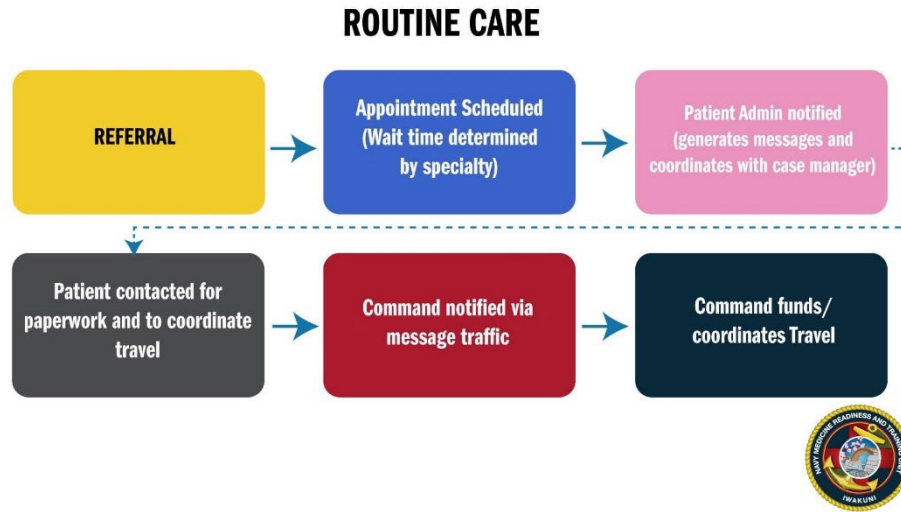
## **Patient Movement**

1. What is a patient movement? Is it a medevac? What is the difference?  
Answer: Patient movement is when we are moving a patient to another location for a higher level of care. Medevac is defined as a patient movement that involves en route care with a medical team via a military flight. Often times, the two labels get confused or mislabeled.
2. When do I leave?  
Answer: It depends on when your appointment is scheduled. You will typically leave a day or two prior to your first appointment. Scheduling practices vary by clinic and location.
3. How am I being transported?  
Answer: To Yokosuka: most patients take a shinkansen. For other locations, patients travel via commercial air. If an urgent movement we will coordinate with TRANSCOM to provide transportation with medical care onboard a military flight.
4. When will you contact me?  
Answer: For Yokosuka, Patient Admin staff will contact you once your referral has been placed to schedule your appointment. For other locations, you will be contacted once an appointment has been offered.
5. Who can come with me? What is an NMA  
Answer: Most patient movements allow for a non-medical attendant (NMA) if your medical condition causes you to need assistance. This is a person identified to be of assistance to you for the appointment/procedure. The purpose of the NMA is to ensure you have assistance with things like traveling, carrying bags, you are going under anesthesia, the patient is a minor, etc. You are able to request that your children accompany you as well, however please note only their travel is funded. Please speak with your Admin shop for further details.
6. Who pays for my travel? How do I get orders?  
Answer: Patient travel is command funded and governed under the DOD Joint Travel regulations. The Patient Admin team does not create orders, they create message traffic for local commands to utilize the creation of your travel orders and complete DTS.

## **Key Points**

1. Overall:
  - a. Patient movement or medevac does not mean that you are leaving today. It means that you need care in another location with the specialty you require. This can be routine or urgent.
2. ***Routine***
  - a. After a referral is placed there could be a wait to depart. It depends on the appointment location and type.

- b. Our physicians in Iwakuni coordinates information and care with the gaining facility to ensure continuity of care.



### 3. *Emergency/Urgent via Military Air*

- a. Patient will remain in a Host Nation facility until transported to the military medical flight if care is required.
- b. Average wait time is 72 hours for a medical flight from the Air Force.
- c. Though we live on an air station, MCAS Iwakuni does not have medical flight assets or crew. We are not able to put a patient on just any flight as we need a flight set up for patient care.

