



14 Reasons to Choose Good Samaritan AirCare

Good Samaritan AirCare is the longest operating original air ambulance service in the state of Nebraska, and we proudly partner with the same aircraft vendor—Rodgers Helicopter Service—who helped us launch our program in 1982. More speed, more efficiency and more expertise are only a few of the reasons to choose AirCare.

- 1 CAMTS accredited.** Good Samaritan AirCare is one of only three Nebraska-headquartered air ambulance services accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Systems (CAMTS). CAMTS accreditation is awarded to services that have met the highest industry standards for safety, quality and care in patient transportation.
- 2 Cross-trained.** Our hospital-based medical crew is involved in patient care during their entire shift, assisting in the Emergency Department, Intensive Care Unit and responding to critical situations throughout our facility.
- 3 Specialists.** Being hospital-based also allows our air ambulance crew to have one-on-one access to medical providers specializing in trauma, emergency medicine, cardiology, pulmonology, intensive medicine, anesthesiology, pediatrics, general surgery, orthopedics, neurology and neurosurgery. These physicians assist our flight nurses with ongoing education and training.

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All Good Samaritan Emergency Services are just one call away—Physician referral, teletrauma, helicopter or ambulance transport, and patient placement.



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- 4 Blood bank.** Research has proven that rapid administration of blood products to trauma and surgical patients who are losing blood volume can substantially improve outcomes. Ready access to blood products from Good Samaritan Hospital's blood bank allows AirCare to bring this treatment to the patient rather than waiting until the patient arrives at the destination facility.
- 5 More speed.** We understand that speed is vital to good patient outcomes. Good Samaritan AirCare's current aircraft, a Bell 429, is the fastest and most dynamic helicopter currently being flown throughout the Midwest. Our average cruising speed is over 170 mph—20-50 mph faster than other helicopter air ambulances in the region.
- 6 Climate control.** The climate in Nebraska and northern Kansas is ever-changing, so we provide for the comfort of our patients and crew with a state-of-the-art climate control system. Maintaining a stable temperature for our patients assists in patient well-being and healing.
- 7 More space.** The Bell 429 offers the ability to transport two patients and up to three medical providers in one of the most spacious helicopter patient cabins. While AirCare has touted this ability for more than 25 years, the Bell 429 offers us the luxury of doing so without advanced notice. If a second patient requires transportation after arriving at the referral site, only minimal adjustments are required for the cabin interior to accommodate that second patient.
- 8 Licensed crew.** Beginning this year, Good Samaritan AirCare will be the only air ambulance provider in Nebraska to require its medical crewmembers to be licensed in both nursing and EMS.
- 9 Continued education.** Our flight nurses are required to maintain a rigorous education portfolio. Certifications are mandated in ACLS, PALS, NRP, TNCC, and ENPC. In addition, our program is among the elite 1 percent of air medical providers who require medical crewmembers to be certified in the Air and Surface Transport Nurses Association's Transport Provider Advanced Trauma Course. Our flight nurses are also required to carry at least one professional certification in flight, emergency or critical care nursing.
- 10 Intense training.** Newly-hired AirCare flight nurses undergo one of the most intense orientations in the industry. The complete program results in more than 400 hours of on-the-job instruction and exposure to every service line offered by our program. Our orientation consists of didactic classroom instruction, hands-on training and patient simulation.
- 11 Higher acuity.** Our flight nurses are required to maintain clinical competencies in high-risk areas such as obstetrics, pediatrics, cardiac counterpulsation and neonatal care. AirCare has offered each of these services for more than three decades.
- 12 Advanced skills.** In addition, our medical crew must maintain proficiency in advanced clinical skills like endotracheal intubation, surgical airway procedures and chest tube insertion, among others. Currently, our skills requirements are some of the most stringent in the industry leading to such results as a 96 percent first-attempt endotracheal intubation rate.
- 13 Leading technology.** Our skills success is bolstered by our program's commitment to the use of leading technology and evidence-based applications. State-of-the-art equipment like the Verathon GlideScope video laryngoscope and PhysioControl Lucas chest compression device are used routinely by our flight nurses to improve patient outcomes.
- 14 Community-minded.** As a department of Good Samaritan Hospital, it is important that we give back to our community and region. Our service provides more than 100 educational and outreach activities annually—all conducted by our medical, aviation and communications staff members.