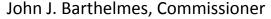
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Over the last several months the Bureau has received multiple reports of spinal trauma patients being transported in the upright or semi-fowler's position. While our spinal trauma protocol allows for this if a patient cannot tolerate being supine (e.g., shortness of breath, pain, vomiting), in general, patients should remain supine with a collar on the EMS stretcher and NOT upright or semi-fowler's.

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