

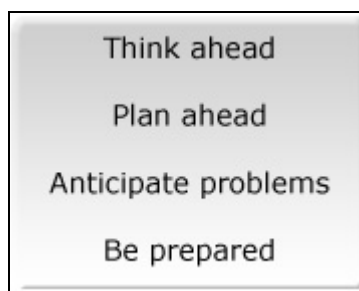
**SECTION 5: Transport of ill patients (see IMEESC Best Practice Protocol and WHO Pregnancy C-80)**

Not only between hospitals, but also within the same hospital. All must be approached with the same care.

With pregnancy related emergencies remember there are two patients: mother and baby.

Preparation and planning are essential. All transfers carry potential risks.

The patient must be in the best possible condition before transfer or transport - **no patient should be stabilised 'on the way'**.



All resuscitation, emergency treatment and stabilisation must be performed before moving the patient.

Transfers of sick patients should be carried out by health workers trained in transport.

Never assume that ambulances, if available, will have equipment.

**The basic principles of transport are ongoing ABCD**

- Have enough oxygen
- Have enough blankets
- Have glucose for giving IV or via gastric tube