

Physician's Statement for Air Travel

This document pertains to my patient Michael Bougher, and his upcoming round-trip flight from SFO to JFK (rec. #IFHUUJ).

General medical suitability for air travel - Although Michael is a ventilator dependent quadriplegic, his medical condition is quite stable, and safe for air travel. He will be travelling with Jennifer Bougher rec. #EEDBCR, and Alexis Gormley rec. #MBIIVX as attendants. Together they will be completely self-sufficient with the exception of boarding and de-planing. I am aware of the 8000 feet above sea level altitude, and certify that Michael will NOT need therapeutic oxygen.

Ventilator dependency - Michael requires the use of a mechanical ventilator (respirator) 24/7, and therefore, WILL need to operate his ventilator during taxi, take-off, in flight, landing and while on the ground. He will be travelling with two Pulmonetics LTV-950 ventilators (approved by FAA for in flight operation), one battery powered suction machine (NOT needed during taxi, take-off, or landing), and two large (14 hours total), lithium-ion back-up batteries.

Nutrition -Michael can not eat by mouth, and will therefore need to carry two 8 oz., sealed cans of liquid nutrition on-board for use in his feeding tube (as per TSA memorandum).

Prone to pressure ulcers - Because of the nature of Michael's medical condition, he is virtually "akin and bones". For this reason he must travel with and sleep on a special mattress topper to prevent pressure ulcers.

Physician's Name: _____

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Signature: _____