Medical Patient Transfer Coordination

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What It Specifies

Patient transfer is a structured coordination event. Source provider attests patient state at transfer; transport authority attests custody during transit; target provider attests patient state at receipt; the patient (or proxy) attests consent and continuity.

The transfer record carries: patient identity (under appropriate privacy controls), state attestations, custody chain, care-continuity provisions, and signatures binding the transfer.

Why It Matters Structurally

Current medical patient transfer depends on document-based handoffs and procedural confirmation. The handoff is error-prone, difficult to audit, and produces patient-safety risks during the transition.

Architectural multi-party coordination produces structural support. Transfers proceed under credentialed identity; the resulting records support patient-safety review, regulatory audit, and continuity-of-care verification.

How It Composes With Mesh Operation

The architecture defines medical-specific roles, privacy-aware lineage retention, and emergency-procedure handling. Medical providers implementing the protocol participate structurally.

Composition with other features. Cross-jurisdictional transfer for medical tourism, byzantine-robust transfer under emergency conditions, and dispute mechanism for adverse outcomes all build on the medical coordination primitive.

What This Enables

Medical care delivery gains structurally-supported transfer coordination. Patient-safety initiatives, regulatory compliance, and continuity-of-care metrics all benefit from architecturally-supported records.

The architecture also supports emerging medical patterns. Autonomous medical transport, telemedicine handoff, and AI-assisted care transitions all build on the medical coordination primitive.