



Paediatric medevac by Medic'Air International



In spite of mechanical ventilation started on 29 November, the respiratory state of a 10-day-old infant began to degrade due to a respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) infection. At this point, the paediatricians at Luxembourg Hospital asked for a transfer under extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) to the specialised medical resuscitation unit at Paediatric University Hospital Trousseau in Paris. On 3 December at 13:00 hrs, the Paris paediatricians decided that Medic'Air International should be brought in. Three hours later, a Medic'Air Piaggio plane took off from Paris-Le Bourget Airport with a paediatric mobile circulatory support team comprising a vascular surgeon, an intensivist physician and an ECMO pump nurse, along with about 200 kg (440 lb) of medical equipment. At the bedside of the young patient,

ECMO was set up by French doctors and the baby's clinical condition was stabilised under mechanical ventilation before the plane took off again for a sea-level flight to Paris. The young child arrived at the ICU in University Hospital Trousseau at 23:00 hrs without incident and in a stable condition.

