A review on the evolution of air ambulance in the West

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An air ambulance refers to an aircraft used for emergency healing aid in situations where either an out-of-date ambulance cannot reach the scene simply or quickly enough, or the wounded person needs to be transported over a distance or land that makes air carriage the most applied transport. From the beginning of 20th century, air ambulance was introduced as an efficient way of aiding casualties in different wars, though concept of using aircraft as ambulances is virtually as old as powered flight itself. This article gives a compendium history of air ambulance in the west and describes some of the features of today’s standard air ambulances.

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