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STEMI System Launches August 1, 2010

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In collaboration with San Luis Obispo County hospitals, physicians and EMS providers, the EMSA will launch San Luis Obispo County's first Specialty Care System on August 1.

The EMSA, working with representatives of all EMS stakeholders, has developed guidelines for an ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI) system and has worked with hospital ED personnel and prehospital providers to ensure that ALS personnel are trained in the new patient triage and destination criteria, data collection elements and 12-lead ECG acquisition.

French Hospital Medical Center Designation

French Hospital Medical Center (FHMC) has been designated a STEMI Receiving Center by the EMSA, and on August 1 at 0800 hours FHMC will assume the responsibility of accepting patients meeting STEMI criteria identified by certified prehospital personnel and hospital facilities in the County. FHMC will provide STEMI care services and staff 24/7 and will take a leadership role with the EMSA in quality improvement efforts and collecting data on STEMI patients.

New Prehospital Policy 201.2 STEMI Triage and Destination

Attached is a new SLO County Prehospital Policy 201.2 *STEMI Triage and Destination*, which is effective August 1. According to the policy, SLO County STEMI patients may be transported to the closest approved STEMI Receiving Center, which includes French Hospital Medical Center in the City of San Luis Obispo and Marian Medical Center in Santa Maria.

Please see the **Specialty Care Update** attached, the first of several updates planned as the County's STEMI and Trauma systems evolve. The EMSA expects the new STEMI system to yield improved health outcomes for a number of County residents who suffer from cardiovascular disease.

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