

PREHOSPITAL POLICY

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SUBJECT: PHYSICIAN REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF PATIENT BY AMBULANCE

I. PURPOSE:

To facilitate patient care and transport of a patient to the hospital when a physician does not request a full EMS response of ambulance, fire department and law enforcement.

Some areas of the county do utilize fire departments as first responders and they may arrive well before the ambulance.

II. PROCEDURE:

A. If a physician is in attendance of their patient and request only ambulance response, they must dial: 781-4563 for both STAT and NON-STAT requests.

County Health Officer

Date

Executive Director, Emergency Medical Services Agency

Date

Medical Director, Emergency Medical Services Agency

Date

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- B. Once in contact with the ambulance dispatcher, the physician must provide the following information:
1. Physician identification.
 2. Location of patient (i.e., address, cross street, etc.).
 3. Medical condition of patient.
 4. Destination of patient.
 5. Code response of ambulance.
 6. Desire for local fire department response.
 7. If ALS treatment of patient is necessary
- C. Upon ambulance arrival, the physician has three alternatives for involvement endorsed by the California Medical Association:
1. Offer assistance with another pair of eyes, hands or suggestions, but let the life support team remain under Base Station control or,
 2. Request to talk to the Base Station physician and directly offer your medical advice and assistance or,
 3. Take total responsibility for the care given by the life support team and accompany the patient until arrival at a hospital. The Base Hospital physician must be notified if this option is utilized. Additionally, the on-scene physician must sign for all instructions given in accordance with local policy and procedure.