

SUBJECT: ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT PROTOCOLS

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I. PURPOSE:

The Advanced Life Support (ALS) Adult and Pediatric Treatment Protocols provide uniform standards for ALS personnel to render prehospital medical care when responding to a medical incident or on an inter-facility transfer.

II. AUTHORITY:

- A. California Health and Safety code, Division 2.5, Section 1797.220
- B. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 100144

III. POLICY:

- A. Licensed paramedics, either currently accredited, or while acting as a candidate for accreditation by the San Luis Obispo County Emergency Medical Services Agency, shall follow the ALS Treatment Protocols while on duty and rendering medical care.
- B. Paramedic personnel shall utilize ALS principles and skills as indicated in these protocols.
- C. Only on-duty paramedics, under the direction of an on-duty base station physician, may make deviations from these protocols.
- D. Paramedics shall use the protocol that is most closely associated with the patient's condition. Some situations may indicate the use of more than one protocol. Paramedics shall use their best judgment and consultation with the base station physician to determine which protocols to use.
- E. Arrows within the algorithms indicate instructions that optimally should be followed in sequential order, while lines without arrows indicate potential or concurrent use.
- F. After paramedic assessment, a paramedic may elect to have an EMT attend a stable BLS patient.