Treatment Guideline Legend

History
In this box you will find patient medical histories relevant to patients presenting for this treatment guideline.

Signs and Symptoms
In this box you will find patient signs and symptoms that the patient may be presenting that would be observed for using this treatment guideline.

Differential
In this box you will find differential diagnosis that may steer your treatment plan for the patient.

Components of the treatment guideline are below. The treatment guideline is portrayed as an algorithm to show what could be a common flow for patient treatment. However, as every patient presents differently, if you need to change the order of what you see in the treatment guideline to treat the patient in front of you, you should always act in the best interest of the patient.

Scope of Practice

E	EMT and Paramedic Treatments
O	EMT Optional Skill and Paramedic Treatments
P	Paramedic Treatments	**Medications**
BH	Base hospital order required

Text Styles

BOLD – Used in medication boxes
ITALICS – Consider/If appropriate
<u>UNDERLINE – Emphasis</u>
RED TEXT – Clinical warnings

Information/reference outside the algorithm

Direction/definition in the algorithm

Important information

Critical information

Reference to Field Procedure

Follow Field Procedure

Enter from or exit to another algorithm

Appropriate TG

Decision Point

Question that leads to a decision
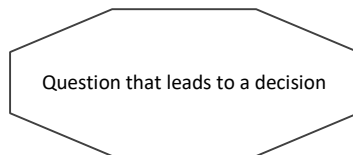
Algorithm Flow Directions

Mild/Stable -- Moderate -- Severe/Unstable

Patient Condition, signs and symptoms, level of severity used in the decision for the course of care
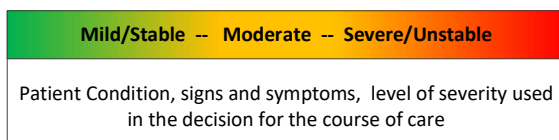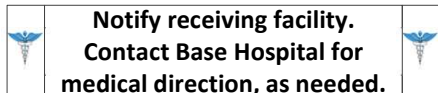
← No   Yes →

FTG Endpoint – continue treating the patient as appropriate. Transport or non-transport. Consult base for further guidance outside the algorithm above

Notify receiving facility. Contact Base Hospital for medical direction, as needed.

Appropriate hospitals to this FTG

<u>Designated Receiving Centers</u>

Contra Costa County Hospital

<u>Approved Out Of County Receiving Centers</u>

Neighboring Hospital

Confirmed Diagnosis by sending facility

Diagnosis

General Treatment Guidelines
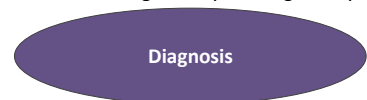
This area is used for visuals and/or other direction for provider consideration including for the atypical presentation.

Pearls

- PEARLS are meant to convey relevant information and education about the care of the patient that this Field Treatment guideline is applied to. It is not intended to be consulted in the treatment of the patient. The treatment of the patient is represented by the algorithm on the first page of every treatment guideline.