

COUNTY OF VENTURA HEALTH CARE AGENCY		EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
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- I. AUTHORITY: Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, and California Code of Regulations, Title 22, § 100150.01, § 100150.02, § 100160.01, § 100160.02.
- II. Committee Names: The names of these committees shall be the Ventura County (VC) Stroke Committee and the VC STEMI Committee.
- III. Committee Purpose: The purpose of these committees shall be to provide input to the VC Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Medical Director and VC EMS administration on matters pertaining to the VC Stroke Specialty System and the VC STEMI Specialty System.
- IV. Membership:
  - A. Voting Membership
 

Voting membership in the committee shall be composed of 2 representatives from each facility (see chart below). Alternatives will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Type of Organization	Member	Member
Acute Stroke Centers (ASC)	Stroke Coordinator	Physician
Non-ASC receiving centers	ED Manager or PCC	Physician
STEMI Receiving Centers	STEMI Coordinator	Physician
STEMI Referral Hospitals	ED Manager or PCC	Physician
Fire	Clinical manager or QI director	Senior Administrator or Medical Director
Ambulance Companies	Clinical manager or QI manager	Senior Administrator or Medical Director
VCEMSA	Administrator	Medical Director

B. Non-voting Membership

Non-voting members of the committee shall be composed of stakeholders from local agencies.

C. Membership Responsibilities

Representatives to the Stroke Committee and STEMI Committee represent the views of their agency. Representatives should ensure that agenda items have been discussed/reviewed by their agency prior to the meeting.

D. Voting Rights

Designated voting members shall have equal voting rights.

E. Attendance

1. Members shall remain as active voting members by attending 75% (Stroke) and 66% (STEMI) of the meetings in a (calendar) year. If attendance falls below these percentages, the organization administrator will be notified, and the member may lose the right to vote.
  - (a) Members may have a single designated alternate attend in their place, no more than two times (Stroke) and one time (STEMI) per calendar year.
  - (b) Agencies may designate one representative to be able to vote for both representatives, no more than two times (Stroke) and one time (STEMI) per calendar year.
2. The member whose attendance falls below these percentages, may regain voting status by attending two consecutive meetings.
3. If meeting dates are changed or cancelled, members will not be penalized for not attending.

V. Officers

- A. The chairperson of the Stroke Committee and the STEMI Committee is the VCEMSA Medical Director. The chairperson shall perform the duties prescribed by the guidelines outlined in this policy.

VI. Meetings

A. Regular Meetings

The Stroke Committee will meet quarterly, and the STEMI Committee will meet once every 4 months. VCEMS will prepare and distribute the meeting agenda no later than one week prior to a scheduled meeting.

B. Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called by the VC EMS Medical Director, VC EMS Administrator or Public Health Director. Except in cases of emergency, seven (7) days' notice shall be given.

C. Quorum

The presence a simple majority (1/2 of committee membership plus 1) of voting members shall constitute a quorum. The presence of a quorum at the beginning of the meeting shall allow the committee to continue to do business until adjournment, regardless of the number of members who leave during the meeting.

VII. Task Forces and Ad-hoc Committees

The VC EMS Medical Director (committee chair), VC EMS Administrator, or Public Health Director may appoint task forces or ad-hoc committees to make recommendations to the Stroke or STEMI Committee on particular issues. The person appointing the task force or ad-hoc committee will name the chair. A task force or ad-hoc committee shall be composed of at least three (3) members and no more than seven (7) individuals. Persons other than voting members may be appointed to task forces or ad-hoc committees.

VIII. Calendar Year

The Stroke and STEMI Committee will operate on a calendar year

IX. Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised, shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these guidelines, and any special rules of order the Stroke Committee may adopt.

X. Submission of Agenda Items

Agenda items shall be received by the Ventura County EMS Office 14 days before the meeting it is to be presented. Items may be submitted by US mail, fax or e-mail and must include the following information:

- A. Subject
- B. Reason for request
- C. Description/Justification
- D. Supporting medical information/other research as applicable
- E. List of affected VC EMS policies, if a requested policy change
- F. Agenda Category:
  - 1. Operational
  - 2. Medical