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POLICY MEMORANDUM #5810

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SUBJECT: EMS AIRCRAFT – MEDICAL CONTROL

AUTHORITY: TITLE 22, CHAPTER 6, § 100206 – 100228;
CALIFORNIA HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 1798.170

PURPOSE/POLICY:

To establish policy for medical control and destination decisions for EMS Aircraft from on-scene arrival until the patient is taken to a receiving hospital..

I. MEDICAL CONTROL:

A. Air ambulance aircraft

Air ambulance aircraft are staffed by personnel who have capabilities beyond that covered by Solano County protocols. Air ambulances authorized in Solano County are, in alphabetical order, (a) CALSTAR, and (b) REACH.

Medical Control for those procedures not covered by Solano County protocols is delegated to the Medical Director of the air ambulance service from the County Medical Director in accordance with the written agreement between the air ambulance provider and Solano County.

B. Rescue aircraft

On line medical control for ALS or BLS rescue aircraft will be the responsibility of the Solano County Base Hospital contacted by air or ground units. The ALS/BLS air rescue aircraft authorized in Solano County is Napa County CHP.

Treatment and destination decisions will be according to existing Solano County policy and protocols.

II. DESTINATION DECISIONS

- A. EMS Aircraft destination decisions will be initiated by the on-scene EMT-P (or aircraft crew) depending on who is on scene and in contact with the Solano County Base Hospital utilizing an appropriate recorded MED-COM radio channel.

For those cases transported to the closest appropriate facility with a helipad; those helipads are NorthBay Medical Center, Vacaville Hospital, or Sutter-Solano Medical Center. The Base Hospital will determine which is most appropriate in concert with ground and air crew.

- B. Patients requiring specialty care not available at the closest facility may be directed by the Base Hospital Physician to the closest specialty care center (i.e. Trauma Center). Base Hospital personnel shall notify the receiving facility immediately.

III. QUALITY ASSURANCE

The patient care forms, retrospective review mechanisms, unusual incident reports and other review systems will be the same as for all ground personnel as referenced in Solano County Policy #5820. All cases where air ambulances were used shall be reviewed for appropriateness of use of air ambulance resources, and care of patients. All EMS Aircraft shall submit a copy of their medical record(s) to the EMS Office as agreed to in the individual memorandum(s) of agreement.

ATTACHMENT 1

SPECIALIZED CRITICAL CARE CENTERS WITH HELIPAD CAPABILITY WITHIN 100 MILES OF SOLANO COUNTY

LEVEL 1 OR 2 TRAUMA CENTERS	City	Telephone Number
U. C. Davis Medical Center	Sacramento, CA	916-734-3797
John Muir Medical Center	Walnut Creek, CA	510-939-5800
San Jose Hospital	San Jose, CA	408-977-4444
Santa Clara Valley Medical Center	San Jose, CA	408-299-5311
Stanford University Medical Center	Palo Alto, CA	415-723-5631

PEDIATRIC TRAUMA CENTERS	City	Telephone Number
U. C. Davis Medical Center	Sacramento, CA	916-453-2994
Children's Hospital of Oakland	Oakland, CA	415-428-3240
P. I. C. U.		800-ICU-KIDS
Santa Clara Valley Medical Center	San Jose, CA	800-299-5301
Stanford University Medical Center	Palo Alto, CA	415-723-5494

BURN CENTER(S)	City	Telephone Number
Eden Hospital Burn Center	Castro Valley, CA	415-889-5066
Brookside Hospital Burn Center	San Pablo, CA	510-235-7000, ext 2784
U. C. Davis Medical Center Burn Center	Sacramento, CA	916-453-3636
Santa Clara Valley Med Ctr Burn Unit	San Jose, CA	408-299-5242

SPINAL CORD INJURY CENTER(S)	City	Telephone Number
No. CA. Regional Spinal Cord Injury Unit, Santa Clara Valley Med Ctr.	San Jose, CA	408-299-5143
U. C. Davis Medical Center	Sacramento, CA	916-453-3797

ATTACHMENT 2

Map attached indicating closest hospital with helipad capability for Solano EMS Patients needing transport by EMS Aircraft. Destination may be inappropriate if Base Hospital physician determines Base Hospital is unable to appropriately meet the patient's immediate medical needs.

ZONE	HOSPITAL
Zone 1	Sutter-Solano Medical Center, Vallejo
Zone 2	John Muir Medical Center, Walnut Creek, CA
Zone 3	North Bay Medical Center, Fairfield, CA
Zone 4	U. C. Davis Medical Center, Sacramento, CA
Zone 5	VacaValley Hospital, Vacaville, CA

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