

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AGENCY

TITLE: Trauma Center Team Activation

EMS Policy No. 4720

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to establish requirements for trauma center team activation.

AUTHORITY:

Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.220, 1798, 1798.162, 1798.163, 1798.164, 1798.165, 1798.168, 1798.170, and 1798.172. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 7.

DEFINITIONS:

- A. "SJCEMSA" means the San Joaquin County Emergency Medical Services Agency.

POLICY:

- I. Designated trauma center shall develop a written policy establishing a tiered response for activating trauma team members. This policy shall be consistent to EMS Policy No. 3415, Trauma Center Notification and must be approved by the SJCEMSA. In the absence of an SJCEMSA approved policy authorizing a tiered trauma team response designated trauma centers shall ensure a full trauma team response, including the attending trauma surgeon, to the trauma resuscitation area or patient bedside upon the receipt of a trauma center notification from prehospital personnel per EMS Policy No. 3415, Trauma Center Notification.
- II. Response requirements for qualified specialist and services are specified in EMS Policy No. 4712, Level II Trauma Center Standards and EMS Policy No. 4713, Level III Trauma Center Standards.
- III. Trauma team activation and response shall be measured to ensure that unnecessary delays are identified and addressed through the CQI/PIPS process.

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