PURPOSE: To ensure the appropriate destination for Los Angeles County patients who sustain burn injuries.

POLICY:
I. Paramedics should make base contact whenever any patient sustaining burn injuries meets the guidelines established in the Prehospital Care Policy Reference No. 808, Base Hospital Contact and Transport Criteria.

II. The base hospital should initiate appropriate orders as outlined in the Los Angeles County Treatment Protocols.

III. Determine the destination of burn-injured patients as follows:
A. Patients who meet trauma or Pediatric Medical Center (PMC) criteria and/or guidelines should be transported to the appropriate trauma center or PMC.
B. Patients who do not meet trauma or PMC criteria and/or guidelines should be transported to the closest, most accessible medical receiving facility appropriate for their age.

IV. The receiving hospital should:
A. Provide appropriate stabilization of the patient
B. Arrange, in conjunction with the Medical Alert Center (MAC), for transfer to an appropriate burn facility if necessary. Provide MAC with the following information:
   1. Status of airway control
   2. Percentage, degree, and location of the burns
   3. Type of burn (electrical, thermal, chemical, radiation)
   4. Level of care the patient requires (ICU, med/surg)
   5. Circulatory status (vital signs and perfusion of burned extremity if applicable)
   6. Level of consciousness

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Medical Director, EMS Agency
7. Other injuries

8. Past medical history, pre-existing major systemic disease and current medications

9. Treatment(s) already rendered and in progress

CROSS REFERENCES:

Prehospital Care Manual:
Ref. No. 502, Patient Destination
Ref. No. 508, Trauma Triage
Ref. No. 510, Pediatric Patient Destination
Ref. No. 808, Base Hospital Contact and Transport Criteria

Los Angeles County Treatment Protocols