



**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**



**PROVIDER AGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MEETING NOTICE**

*The Provider Agency Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. You may address this Committee on any agenda item before or during consideration of that item, and on other items of interest that are not on the agenda, but which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of this Committee.*

**DATE:** February 14, 2024

**TIME:** 1:00 pm

**LOCATION:** IN-PERSON MEETING  
Cathy Chidester Conference Room [1<sup>st</sup> Floor Hearing Room]  
Los Angeles County EMS Agency  
10100 Pioneer Boulevard  
Santa Fe Springs, California 90670

**AGENDA**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. INTRODUCTIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS**

- 2.1 2024 PAAC Commissioners
- 2.2 Committee Membership Changes
- 2.3 2024 EMS Agency Staff Roster
- 2.4 2023 EMS Annual Data Report
- 2.5 Continuing Education: Trauma Grand Rounds
- 2.6 2024 Annual EMSAAC Conference

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** December 20, 2023

**4. REPORTS AND UPDATES**

- 4.1 EMS Update 2024
- 4.2 EmergiPress
- 4.3 ITAC Update
- 4.4 Research Initiatives and Pilot Studies
- 4.5 PediDOSE Trial
  - 4.5.1 Reference No. 1309, Color Code Drug Doses
- 4.6 Pedi-PART
  - 4.6.1 Monitor Files
- 4.7 California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Grants
  - 4.7.1 Mobile Protocol Application
  - 4.7.2 Health Data Exchange
- 4.8 Medication Cache
- 4.9 EMS for Children Pediatric Readiness Assessment for Provider Agencies

## **5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Policies for Discussion; No Action Required:**

- 5.1** Reference No. 1307.4, MCG: EMS and Law Enforcement Co-Response  
[Policy remains Tabled]

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **Policies for Discussion; Action Required:**

- 6.1** Reference No. 424, Triage to Alternate Destination Program
- 6.2** Reference No. XXX, Triage to Alternate Destination (TAD) Paramedic Training Program Requirements
- 6.3** Reference No. 502, Patient Destination
- 6.4** Reference No. 606, Documentation

### **Policies for Discussion; No Action Required:**

- 6.5** 9-1-1 Interfacility Transport (IFT) Checklist
- 6.6** Reference No. 1200.2, Treatment Protocol: Base Contact Requirements
- 6.7** Reference No. 1212-P, Treatment Protocol: Pediatric Cardiac Dysrhythmia – Bradycardia
- 6.8** Reference No. 1231-P, Treatment Protocol: Seizure (Pediatric)
- 6.9** Reference No. 1317.25, Medical Control Guideline: Drug Reference - Midazolam
- 6.10** Reference No. 1365, Medical Control Guideline: Transcutaneous Pacing
- 6.11** Reference No. 1370, Medical Control Guideline: Traumatic Hemorrhage Control

## **7. OPEN DISCUSSION**

- 8. NEXT MEETING:** April 17, 2024

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**



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Central Dispatch Office Manager	Vacant	



# LOS ANGELES COUNTY EMS SYSTEM REPORT

DECEMBER 1, 2023

ISSUE 12

## Message from the Director and Medical Director

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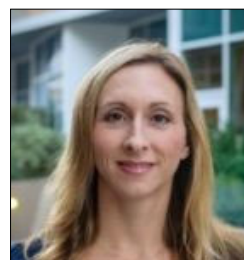
We are dedicating this 12<sup>th</sup> year issue of the EMS System Report to Dr. Marianne Gausche-Hill. Dr. Gausche-Hill served as the EMS Agency Medical Director from 2015-2023 and through her inspirational leadership has left a lasting positive impact on the Los Angeles County EMS System. She is recognized nationwide as an industry leader in the advancement of emergency and pediatric medicine and disaster preparedness. Dr. Gausche-Hill has over 40 years of dedicated service to the LA County EMS System as the Base Medical Director at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, the Medical Director for the Paramedic Training Institute, and for the past 8 years, the Medical Director of the EMS Agency. During her tenure at the EMS Agency, Dr. Gausche-Hill was instrumental in leading the efforts for the County to participate in the Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES), which has allowed comprehensive evaluation of the prehospital treatment of patients experiencing cardiac arrest. Data from CARES is a new addition to this year's report.



Richard Tadeo  
Director

Dr. Gausche-Hill spearheaded the efforts for all Emergency Departments Approved for Pediatrics and Pediatric Medical Centers to participate in the National Pediatric Readiness Program. This demon-

strated that our pediatric emergency departments and medical centers are well prepared to evaluate and treat our pediatric patients, and provides essential tools for their continued growth. She also led efforts to establish our Data Collaboratives for the Specialty Systems of Care, including STEMI and Cardiac Arrest, Stroke, Trauma, and Pediatrics, which paved the way for multiple research and publications regarding system performance. She also served as the President for the American Board of Emergency Medicine. Prior to her retirement, Dr. Gausche-Hill launched the Pediatric Dose Optimization for Seizures in EMS (PediDOSE) trial to evaluate the optimal dosing of medication to treat pediatric patients with active seizures and laid the groundwork for the Pediatric Pre-hospital Airway Resuscitation Trial (Pedi-PART), which



Dr. Nichole Bosson  
Medical Director

will determine the best approach to prehospital pediatric airway management. Despite her retirement from County service, Dr. Gausche-Hill continues to participate in these research efforts to improve emergency and pediatric care. Her unwavering dedication to the medical care and health of the citizens of Los Angeles County continues in her new roles as the Interim CEO for The Lundquist Institute and serving on the Board of Directors for CARES. We extend our best wishes and a prosperous retirement.

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## 2023 System Demographics

### 69 9-1-1 Receiving Hospitals

- 37 EDAP (Emergency Department Approved for Pediatrics)
- 8 Pediatric Medical Centers
- 7 Pediatric Trauma Centers
- 15 Trauma Centers
- 21 Paramedic Base Hospitals
- 34 STEMI Receiving Centers
- 24 Comprehensive Stroke Centers
- 28 Primary Stroke Centers
- 43 Perinatal Centers
- 40 Hospitals with Neonatal ICU
- 13 SART (Sexual Assault Response Team)
- 13 Disaster Resource Centers

### EMS Provider Agencies

- 31 Public Safety EMS Provider Agencies
- 34 Licensed Basic Life Support Ambulance Operators
- 17 Licensed Advanced Life Support Ambulance Operators
- 18 Licensed Critical Care Transport Ambulance Operators
- 5 Licensed Ambulette Operators

### EMS Practitioners

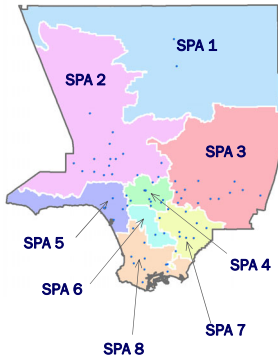
- 4,503 Accredited Paramedics
- 8,457 Certified EMTs by LA Co EMS Agency
- 763 Certified Mobile Intensive Care Nurses

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Emergency Severity Index (page 11)
- Trauma Mechanism of Injury (page 13)
- OHCA Overall Survival (pages 18-22)
- Paramedic Base Hospital Contact Volume (page 24)



## ADULT EMS PROVIDER IMPRESSION by Service Planning Area (SPA)



Year	Total Population	SPA1	SPA2	SPA3	SPA4	SPA5	SPA6	SPA7	SPA8
2014	10,069,036	392,730	2,190,391	1,783,041	1,149,691	652,160	1,033,672	1,312,015	1,555,336
2023	9,792,167	413,966	2,154,399	1,720,799	1,090,182	648,902	991,811	1,258,726	1,513,402
%Change	-3%	5%	-2%	-3%	-5%	-0.5%	-4%	-4%	-3%

COUNTYWIDE TOP 10 ADULT EMS PROVIDER IMPRESSIONS	2018		2019		2020		2021		2022	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Traumatic Injury	118,549	15%	120,909	15%	102,560	13%	121,487	15%	122,029	16%
Behavioral/Psychiatric	57,027	7%	59,891	7%	58,136	8%	60,619	8%	54,836	7%
Weakness - General	54,752	7%	54,632	7%	53,409	7%	55,368	7%	50,983	7%
No Medical Complaint	47,525	6%	47,142	6%	41,110	5%	35,163	4%	45,399	6%
Body Pain-Non Traumatic	39,563	5%	40,428	5%	36,832	5%	38,506	5%	40,401	5%
Abdominal Pain	38,725	5%	40,365	5%	35,688	5%	41,024	5%	33,466	4%
Respiratory Distress	32,120	4%	32,702	4%	34,205	5%	34,679	4%	31,682	4%
Altered Level of Consciousness	35,373	4%	29,465	4%	24,820	3%	24,544	3%	26,177	3%
Chest Pain - Suspected Cardiac	21,125	3%	21,812	3%	19,320	3%	21,880	3%	22,690	3%
Syncopal/Near Syncope	25,396	3%	24,447	3%	18,333	2%	21,125	3%	20,331	3%
Total Adult EMS Responses	791,900		801,661		759,972		787,420		775,516	

Top 10 Adult EMS Provider Impressions	2018		2019		2020		2021		2022	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
SPA 1 Traumatic Injury	7,151	14%	9,788	17%	5,932	11%	6,995	13%	4,943	10%
Body Pain-Non Traumatic	4,085	8%	4,464	8%	3,492	6%	3,462	6%	3,174	6%
Abdominal Pain	3,235	6%	3,201	6%	2,952	5%	3,169	6%	2,958	6%
Weakness - General	2,784	5%	2,475	4%	2,952	5%	3,151	6%	2,792	6%
Behavioral/Psychiatric	4,062	8%	4,007	7%	3,443	6%	3,858	7%	2,727	5%
Respiratory Distress	1,860	4%	2,179	4%	2,019	4%	2,401	4%	2,041	4%
Chest Pain - Suspected Cardiac	1,554	3%	1,767	3%	1,428	3%	1,682	3%	1,581	3%
Cold/Flu	1,175	2%	1,138	2%	1,533	3%	1,357	2%	1,383	3%
Altered Level of Consciousness	1,857	4%	1,669	3%	1,395	3%	1,518	3%	1,376	3%
Nausea/Vomiting	1,281	2%	1,586	3%	1,087	2%	1,390	3%	1,200	2%
Total SPA 1 Adult EMS Responses	51,368		56,824		54,767		55,367		50,680	

EMS Provider Impressions	No.		No.		No.		No.		No.	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
SPA 2 Traumatic Injury	18,981	14%	18,247	13%	18,243	14%	21,791	15%	25,593	18%
Weakness - General	11,077	8%	11,030	8%	11,012	8%	11,707	8%	10,843	8%
Behavioral/Psychiatric	9,163	7%	9,707	7%	10,249	8%	10,265	7%	9,215	6%
No Medical Complaint	9,131	7%	9,087	7%	8,109	6%	7,865	6%	8,789	6%
Abdominal Pain	5,584	4%	5,685	4%	6,350	5%	7,613	5%	7,844	5%
Respiratory Distress	6,389	5%	6,620	5%	7,040	5%	6,990	5%	6,377	4%
Body Pain - Non-Traumatic	5,429	4%	5,395	4%	5,154	4%	5,945	4%	6,153	4%
Syncopal/Near Syncope	4,786	4%	5,054	4%	3,867	3%	4,738	3%	4,892	3%
Chest Pain - Suspected Cardiac	3,939	3%	4,043	3%	3,911	3%	4,482	3%	4,368	3%
Altered Level of Consciousness	6,493	3%	6,683	5%	4,921	4%	4,710	3%	3,974	3%
Total SPA 2 Adult EMS Responses	135,030		136,833		132,977		141,562		142,691	

EMS Provider Impressions	No.		No.		No.		No.		No.	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
SPA 3 Traumatic Injury	22,151	17%	24,900	19%	18,207	15%	21,730	18%	20,445	17%
Weakness - General	8,328	6%	7,594	6%	7,531	6%	7,952	6%	7,753	7%
Behavioral/Psychiatric	9,108	7%	8,975	7%	8,412	7%	8,876	7%	7,116	6%
Body Pain - Non-Traumatic	7,932	6%	8,008	6%	6,139	5%	5,929	5%	6,237	5%
Abdominal Pain	6,411	5%	6,124	5%	5,382	4%	5,899	5%	5,891	5%
Respiratory Distress	5,110	4%	5,461	4%	5,508	4%	5,471	4%	4,514	4%
No Medical Complaint	7,398	6%	6,999	5%	5,601	5%	5,683	5%	4,466	4%
Syncopal/Near Syncope	4,348	3%	4,465	3%	3,322	3%	3,664	3%	3,749	3%
Chest Pain - Suspected Cardiac	3,102	2%	3,614	3%	3,198	3%	3,445	3%	3,369	3%
Altered Level of Consciousness	5,515	4%	4,571	3%	3,960	3%	3,821	3%	2,866	2%
Total SPA 3 Adult EMS Responses	129,597		131,879		123,464		123,688		117,854	

Top 10 Adult EMS Provider Impressions		2018		2019		2020		2021		2022	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
SPA 4	Traumatic Injury	11,649	12%	10,331	11%	10,951	12%	13,366	14%	15,184	15%
	Behavioral/Psychiatric	7,098	7%	7,767	8%	7,800	9%	8,346	9%	7,469	8%
	Weakness - General	7,059	7%	7,373	8%	7,239	8%	7,710	8%	7,270	7%
	No Medical Complaint	6,343	7%	6,604	7%	6,169	7%	5,752	6%	6,048	6%
	Abdominal Pain	3,895	4%	4,515	5%	3,915	4%	4,919	5%	4,780	5%
	Overdose/Poisoning	2,308	2%	2,920	3%	3,315	4%	4,578	5%	4,694	5%
	Body Pain - Non-Traumatic	3,444	4%	4,073	4%	3,954	4%	4,524	5%	5,026	5%
	Respiratory Distress	3,401	4%	3,423	4%	4,399	5%	4,118	4%	4,081	4%
	Altered Level of Consciousness	4,653	5%	3,688	4%	3,275	4%	3,230	3%	2,794	3%
	Seizure	2,835	3%	2,989	3%	2,478	3%	2,473	3%	2,665	3%
Total SPA 4 Adult EMS Responses		95,524		95,477		91,353		97,424		98,954	

EMS Provider Impressions		No.		No.		No.		No.		No.	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
SPA 5	Traumatic Injury	10,797	18%	9,190	16%	8,179	17%	9,931	19%	10,497	19%
	Behavioral/Psychiatric	3,933	7%	3,981	7%	4,014	8%	4,367	8%	4,114	8%
	No Medical Complaint	4,977	8%	4,074	7%	3,352	7%	3,710	7%	3,876	7%
	Weakness - General	4,185	7%	3,995	7%	3,352	7%	3,710	7%	3,813	7%
	Abdominal Pain	2,011	3%	2,252	4%	1,858	4%	2,280	4%	2,395	4%
	Body Pain - Non-Traumatic	1,698	3%	2,119	4%	1,771	4%	2,104	4%	2,285	4%
	Syncope/Near Syncope	2,582	4%	2,498	4%	1,537	3%	1,860	4%	2,154	4%
	Respiratory Distress	1,945	3%	1,944	3%	1,858	4%	1,961	4%	1,973	4%
	Altered Level of Consciousness	2,493	4%	1,949	3%	1,769	4%	1,683	3%	1,593	3%
	Nausea/Vomiting	1,666	3%	1,684	3%	1,230	3%	1,327	3%	1,416	3%
Total SPA 5 Adult EMS Responses		59,682		56,379		48,224		52,677		54,183	

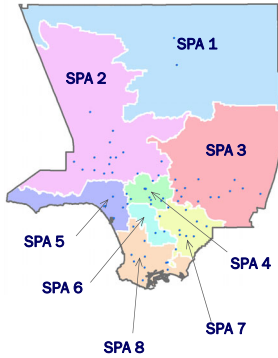
EMS Provider Impressions		No.		No.		No.		No.		No.	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
SPA 6	Traumatic Injury	14,742	13%	13,758	12%	13,788	12%	15,121	14%	14,501	14%
	Behavioral/Psychiatric	8,089	7%	8,892	8%	9,225	8%	8,737	8%	7,632	7%
	Weakness - General	7,638	7%	8,160	7%	9,046	8%	8,115	7%	7,436	7%
	Abdominal Pain	6,591	6%	7,143	6%	6,378	6%	7,037	6%	6,605	6%
	Body Pain - Non-Traumatic	6,585	6%	6,967	6%	6,462	6%	6,378	6%	6,274	6%
	No Medical Complaint	6,929	6%	6,954	6%	6,803	6%	6,210	6%	5,183	5%
	Respiratory Distress	5,016	4%	5,158	5%	5,550	5%	5,239	5%	4,941	5%
	Seizure	3,695	3%	3,950	4%	3,529	3%	3,437	3%	3,490	3%
	Cold/Flu	3,609	3%	3,707	3%	4,339	4%	3,239	3%	3,481	3%
	Altered Level of Consciousness	4,395	4%	3,346	3%	2,955	3%	2,746	2%	2,518	2%
Total SPA 6 Adult EMS Responses		111,500		111,695		112,044		110,085		105,165	

EMS Provider Impressions		No.		No.		No.		No.		No.	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
SPA 7	Traumatic Injury	13,581	15%	14,608	16%	10,740	13%	12,645	16%	11,043	14%
	Behavioral/Psychiatric	6,458	7%	7,193	8%	6,397	8%	6,412	8%	5,312	7%
	Weakness - General	5,853	7%	5,386	6%	3,340	4%	5,155	6%	5,183	7%
	Body Pain - Non-Traumatic	5,773	7%	6,136	7%	4,519	6%	4,124	5%	4,278	5%
	Abdominal Pain	4,387	5%	4,194	5%	3,566	4%	3,982	5%	4,248	5%
	Respiratory Distress	3,276	4%	3,067	3%	3,071	4%	3,388	4%	2,916	4%
	Chest Pain - Suspected Cardiac	2,463	3%	2,526	3%	2,083	3%	2,313	3%	2,407	3%
	Altered Level of Consciousness	3,654	4%	2,712	3%	2,343	3%	2,411	3%	2,328	3%
	Syncope/Near Syncope	2,664	3%	2,554	3%	2,060	3%	2,111	3%	2,071	3%
	Seizure	2,262	3%	2,382	3%	1,857	2%	1,945	2%	2,071	3%
Total SPA 7 Adult EMS Responses		88,437		89,297		80,058		79,913		77,964	

EMS Provider Impressions		No.		No.		No.		No.		No.	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
SPA 8	Traumatic Injury	19,497	16%	20,087	16%	16,919	14%	19,908	16%	19,823	15%
	Behavioral/Psychiatric	8,841	7%	8,898	7%	8,839	7%	9,758	8%	8,539	7%
	Weakness - General	8,040	7%	8,086	7%	7,696	6%	7,868	6%	7,929	6%
	Body Pain - Non-Traumatic	5,699	5%	6,609	5%	5,532	5%	6,040	5%	6,837	5%
	Abdominal Pain	6,092	5%	6,142	5%	5,433	5%	6,125	5%	6,242	5%
	No Medical Complaint	7,156	6%	6,997	6%	5,871	5%	6,360	5%	5,456	4%
	Respiratory Distress	5,123	4%	4,850	4%	4,903	4%	5,111	4%	4,954	4%
	Altered Level of Consciousness	6,313	5%	4,847	4%	4,275	4%	4,425	3%	4,281	3%
	Syncope/Near Syncope	4,070	3%	3,821	3%	3,010	3%	3,348	3%	3,638	3%
	Chest Pain - Suspected Cardiac	3,385	3%	3,289	3%	2,930	2%	3,369	3%	3,621	3%
Total SPA 8 Adult EMS Responses		120,762		123,277		120,090		126,704		128,025	



## PEDIATRIC EMS PROVIDER IMPRESSION by Service Planning Area (SPA)



COUNTYWIDE TOP 10 PEDIATRIC EMS PROVIDER IMPRESSIONS	2018		2019		2020		2021		2022	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Traumatic Injury	8,440	23%	8,641	23%	5,736	22%	6,655	25%	6,719	23%
No Medical Complaint	5,150	14%	4,746	13%	3,155	12%	2,846	11%	5,203	18%
Seizure	4,904	14%	5,609	15%	3,502	14%	3,218	12%	2,408	8%
Behavioral/Psychiatric	1,894	5%	1,709	5%	1,351	5%	1,448	5%	1,816	6%
Respiratory Distress	1,987	6%	2,140	6%	1,015	4%	1,379	5%	1,637	6%
Cold/Flu	1,390	4%	1,453	4%	1,000	4%	1,004	4%	1,368	5%
Fever	1,695	5%	1,751	5%	1,083	4%	861	3%	1,267	4%
Nausea/Vomiting	865	2%	917	2%	570	2%	847	3%	949	3%
Syncopal/Near Syncopal	956	3%	1,025	3%	564	2%	784	3%	847	3%
Weakness - General	675	2%	886	2%	614	2%	607	2%	746	3%
Total Pediatric Responses	36,117		36,945		25,675		26,984		29,457	

Top 10 Pediatric EMS Provider Impressions	2018		2019		2020		2021		2022	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
SPA 1 Traumatic Injury	699	21%	830	24%	534	22%	555	22%	394	19%
Seizure	420	13%	475	14%	270	11%	257	10%	466	22%
Respiratory Distress	197	6%	229	7%	106	4%	155	6%	217	10%
Cold/Flu	169	5%	141	4%	119	5%	109	4%	115	5%
Behavioral/Psychiatric	286	9%	245	7%	155	6%	154	6%	103	5%
Fever	109	3%	119	3%	84	3%	63	3%	73	3%
Syncopal/Near Syncopal	64	2%	83	2%	97	4%	57	2%	73	3%
Choking	42	1%	78	2%	97	4%	87	4%	42	2%
Nausea/Vomiting	74	2%	72	2%	32	1%	73	3%	41	2%
No Medical Complaint	531	6%	504	6%	284	4%	243	3%	64	1%
Total SPA 1 Pediatric EMS Responses	3,298		3,457		2,425		2,470		2,118	

EMS Provider Impressions	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
SPA 2 Traumatic Injury	926	23%	1,019	19%	844	21%	1,059	23%	1,261	24%
Seizure	566	14%	898	17%	620	15%	565	12%	868	17%
No Medical Complaint	469	12%	688	13%	496	12%	475	10%	381	7%
Cold/Flu	158	4%	307	6%	170	4%	192	4%	304	6%
Respiratory Distress	210	5%	348	6%	201	5%	235	5%	300	6%
Fever	167	4%	282	5%	245	6%	242	5%	300	6%
Behavioral/Psychiatric	252	6%	241	4%	210	5%	242	5%	266	5%
Syncopal/Near Syncopal	150	4%	183	3%	100	2%	178	4%	186	4%
Allergic Reaction	110	3%	183	3%	139	3%	158	3%	170	3%
Nausea/Vomiting	84	2%	170	3%	101	2%	163	4%	123	2%
Total SPA 2 Pediatric EMS Responses	3,967		5,385		4,069		4,655		5,221	

EMS Provider Impressions	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
SPA 3 Traumatic Injury	1,611	25%	1,792	28%	961	24%	1,184	28%	1,221	26%
Seizure	865	13%	911	14%	593	15%	513	12%	788	17%
No Medical Complaint	936	14%	737	12%	428	10%	353	8%	309	7%
Respiratory Distress	322	5%	343	5%	122	3%	176	4%	246	5%
Behavioral/Psychiatric	341	5%	179	3%	206	5%	232	5%	226	5%
Syncopal/Near Syncopal	201	3%	203	3%	108	3%	162	4%	163	4%
Fever	209	3%	225	4%	180	4%	121	3%	149	3%
Allergic Reaction	161	2%	150	2%	104	3%	110	3%	129	3%
Choking	130	2%	171	3%	159	4%	175	4%	124	3%
Nausea/Vomiting	134	2%	133	2%	159	4%	124	3%	124	3%
Total SPA 3 Pediatric EMS Responses	6,516		6,333		4,077		4,253		4,652	



Top 10 Pediatric EMS Provider Impressions		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
		No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %
SPA 4	Traumatic Injury	503 19%	476 18%	361 19%	459 22%	479 19%
	Seizure	392 15%	471 17%	284 15%	256 12%	406 16%
	No Medical Complaint	399 15%	360 13%	238 13%	285 13%	212 9%
	Cold/Flu	162 6%	148 5%	81 4%	95 4%	158 6%
	Respiratory Distress	147 5%	142 5%	57 3%	111 5%	156 6%
	Fever	152 6%	102 4%	87 5%	67 3%	122 5%
	Behavioral/Psychiatric	111 4%	141 5%	100 5%	106 5%	115 5%
	Allergic Reaction	60 2%	78 3%	66 4%	65 3%	87 4%
	Weakness - General	71 3%	70 3%	43 2%	82 4%	70 3%
	Nausea/Vomiting	70 3%	70 3%	43 2%	74 3%	69 3%
Total SPA 4 Pediatric EMS Responses		2,701	2,705	1,860	2,124	2,472

EMS Provider Impressions		No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %
SPA 5	Traumatic Injury	643 30%	473 24%	356 27%	381 28%	368 25%
	No Medical Complaint	258 12%	209 11%	137 10%	137 10%	131 9%
	Seizure	213 10%	192 10%	134 10%	113 8%	209 14%
	Respiratory Distress	139 6%	93 5%	45 3%	67 5%	93 6%
	Allergic Reaction	102 5%	76 4%	31 2%	68 5%	85 6%
	Cold/Flu	84 4%	79 4%	31 2%	45 3%	83 6%
	Fever	78 4%	47 2%	44 3%	35 3%	81 5%
	Nausea/Vomiting	75 3%	84 4%	32 2%	55 4%	68 5%
	Syncope/Near Syncope	66 3%	74 4%	27 2%	57 4%	66 4%
	Behavioral/Psychiatric	72 3%	61 3%	67 5%	61 4%	49 3%
Total SPA 5 Pediatric EMS Responses		2,175	1,941	1,338	1,360	1,491

EMS Provider Impressions		No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %
SPA 6	Traumatic Injury	1,350 20%	1,308 20%	1,014 21%	1,115 23%	1,153 21%
	Seizure	884 13%	1,032 16%	622 13%	582 12%	922 17%
	Cold/Flu	497 7%	510 8%	260 5%	249 5%	524 10%
	No Medical Complaint	1,001 15%	970 15%	734 15%	662 13%	460 8%
	Respiratory Distress	422 6%	400 6%	225 5%	282 6%	361 7%
	Fever	330 5%	328 5%	210 4%	166 3%	274 5%
	Behavior/Psychiatric	296 4%	310 5%	248 5%	287 6%	247 4%
	Nausea/Vomiting	198 3%	172 3%	122 3%	163 3%	168 3%
	Weakness -General	151 2%	192 3%	172 4%	136 3%	156 3%
	Abdominal Pain	119 2%	124 2%	100 2%	95 2%	111 2%
Total SPA 6 Pediatric EMS Responses		6,647	6,649	4,865	4,952	5,491

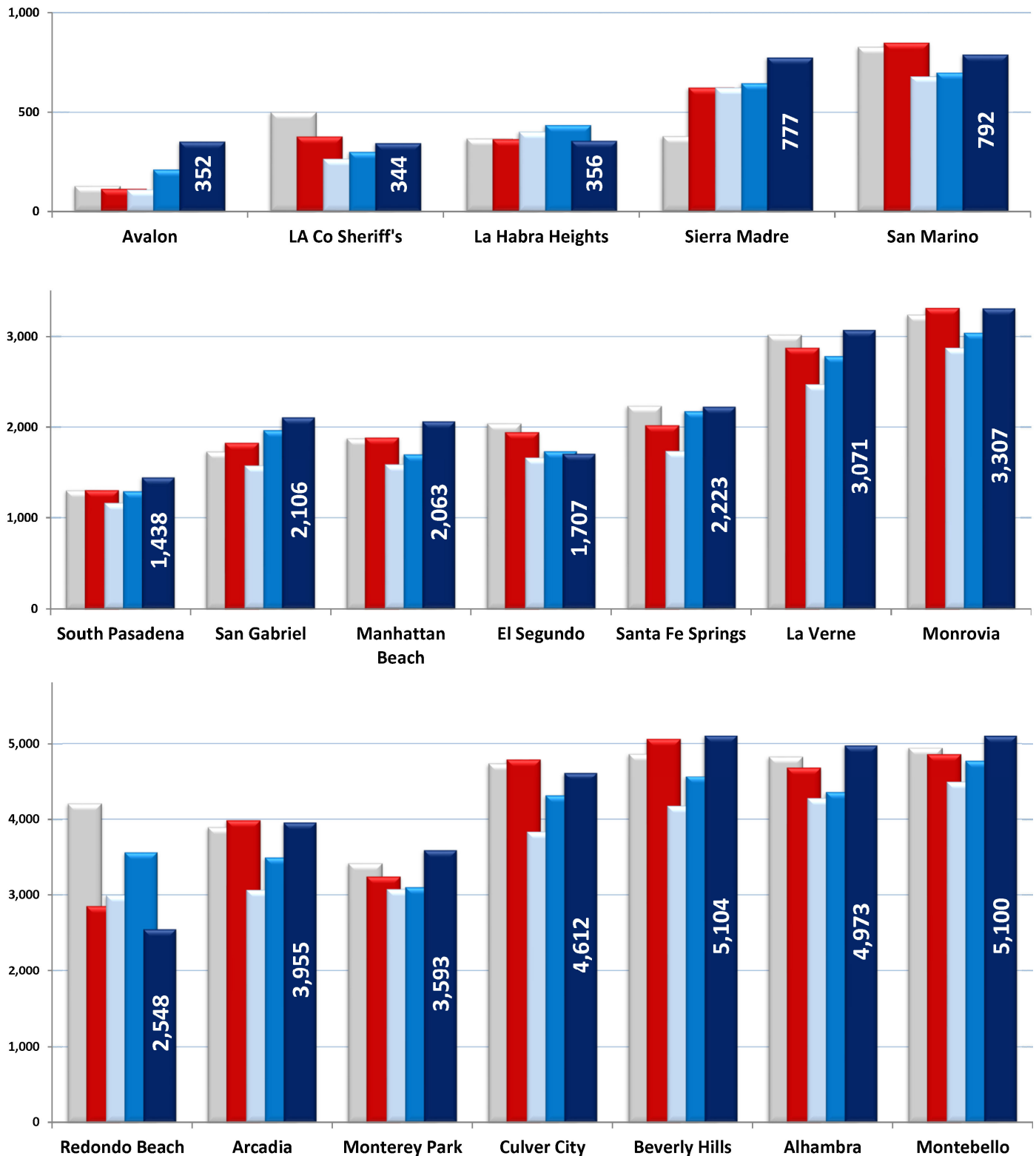
EMS Provider Impressions		No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %
SPA 7	Seizure	767 15%	801 16%	512 15%	447 14%	761 22%
	Traumatic Injury	1,153 22%	1,256 24%	722 22%	790 25%	720 21%
	Respiratory Distress	226 4%	291 6%	105 3%	152 5%	229 7%
	Cold/Flu	174 3%	195 4%	105 3%	77 2%	160 5%
	Behavioral/Psychiatric	256 5%	284 6%	186 6%	148 5%	156 5%
	Fever	171 3%	185 4%	112 3%	64 2%	138 4%
	No Medical Complaint	817 16%	670 13%	369 11%	277 9%	132 4%
	Syncope/Near Syncope	178 3%	160 3%	88 3%	80 3%	125 4%
	Overdose/Poisoning	73 1%	90 2%	89 2%	72 2%	89 3%
	Choking	91 2%	143 3%	136 4%	139 4%	87 3%
Total SPA 7 Pediatric EMS Responses		5,150	5,152	3,339	3,126	3,424

EMS Provider Impressions		No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %	No. %
SPA 8	Traumatic Injury	1,555 27%	1,487 28%	976 25%	1,112 27%	1,082 24%
	Seizure	797 14%	829 16%	501 13%	485 12%	902 20%
	Respiratory Distress	324 6%	294 6%	166 4%	201 5%	327 7%
	No Medical Complaint	739 13%	608 11%	488 13%	414 10%	280 6%
	Cold/Flu	197 3%	230 4%	131 3%	148 4%	250 5%
	Behavioral/Psychiatric	280 5%	248 5%	190 5%	218 5%	215 5%
	Fever	183 3%	168 3%	128 3%	103 3%	204 4%
	Syncope/Near Syncope	152 3%	138 3%	96 2%	117 3%	144 3%
	Choking	134 2%	124 2%	161 4%	160 4%	131 3%
	Allergic Reaction	122 2%	134 3%	86 2%	119 3%	119 3%
Total SPA 8 Pediatric EMS Responses		5,663	5,323	3,883	4,044	4,588



## EMS Responses by 9-1-1 Jurisdictional Provider Agency

2018 2019 2020 2021 2022

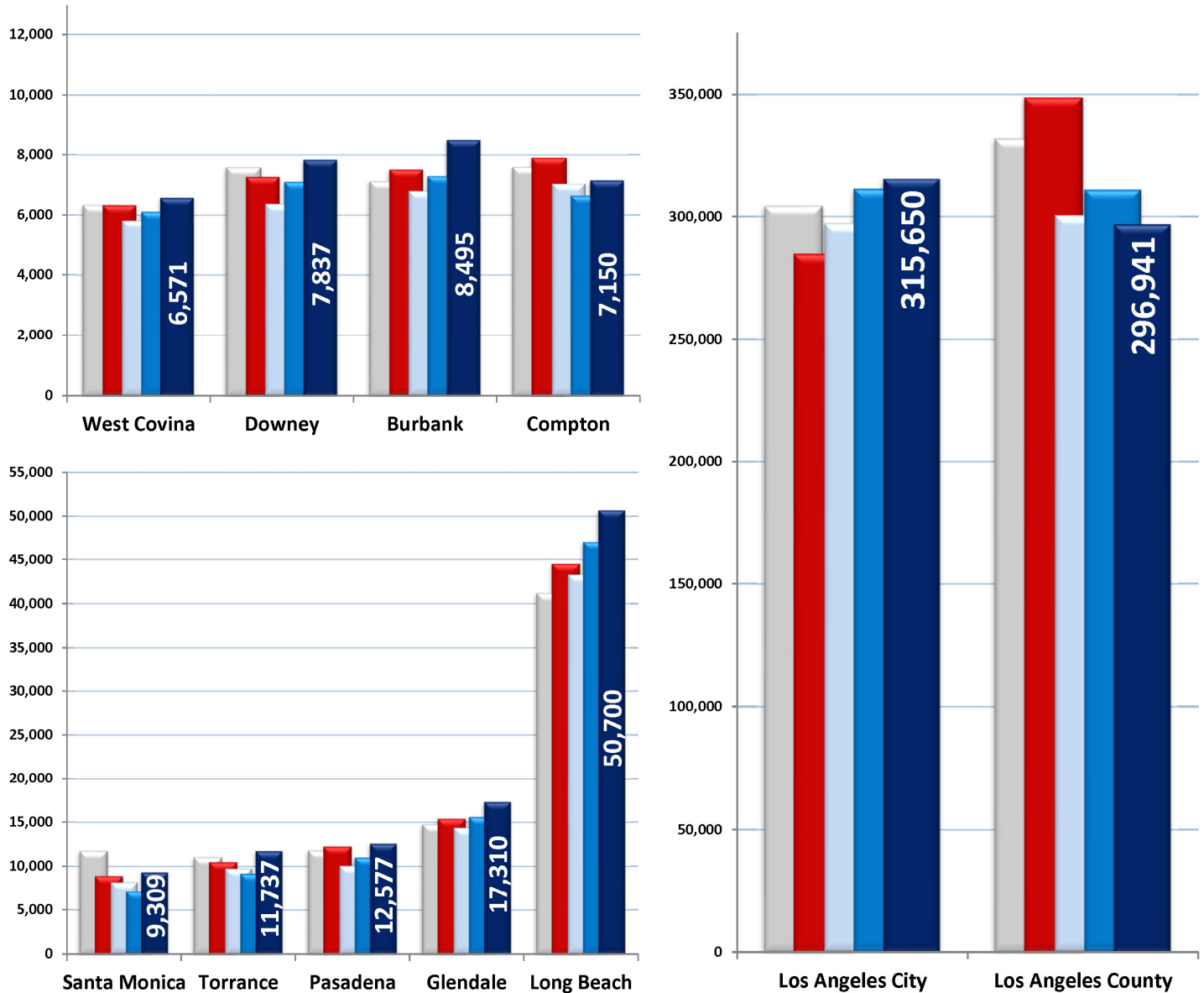






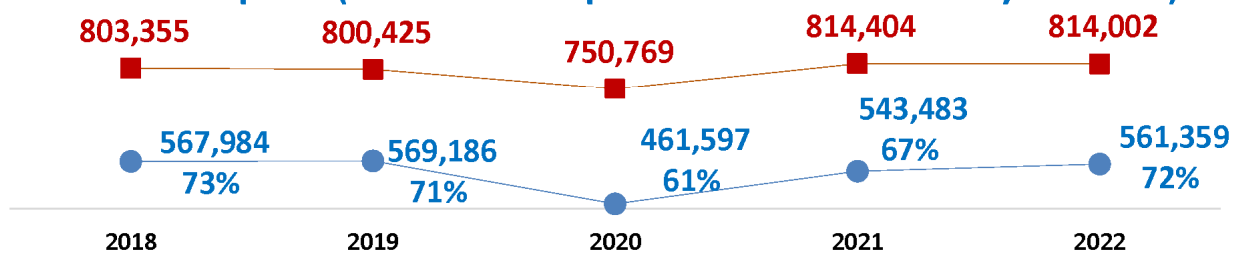
## EMS Responses by 9-1-1 Jurisdictional Provider Agency

■ 2018 ■ 2019 ■ 2020 ■ 2021 ■ 2022



■ Total 911 EMS Responses

● Transports (includes transports to out-of-LA County facilities)

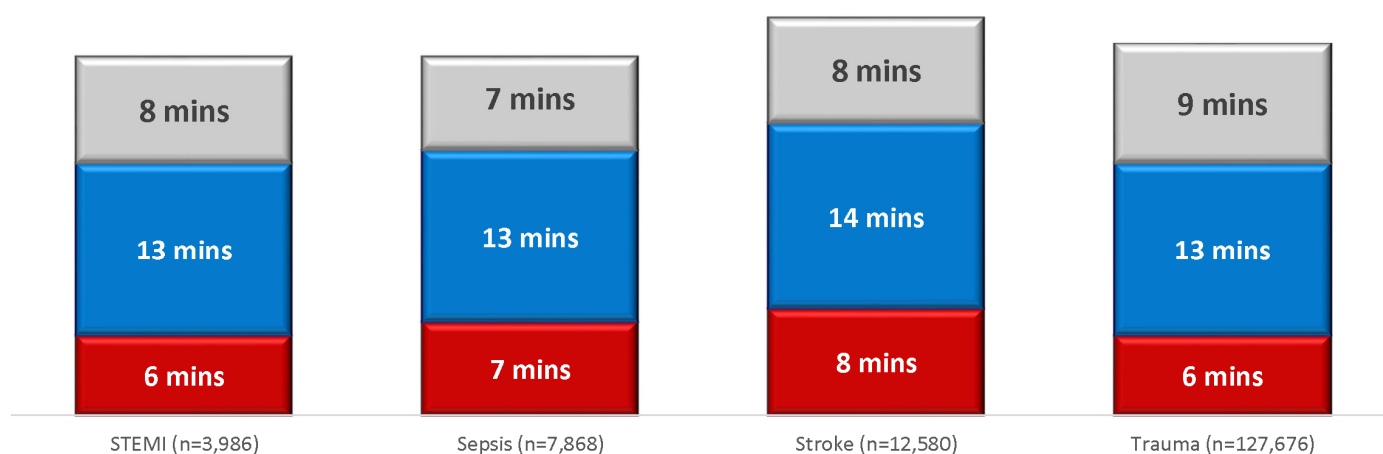




## 2022 EMS Times: Adult (Median)

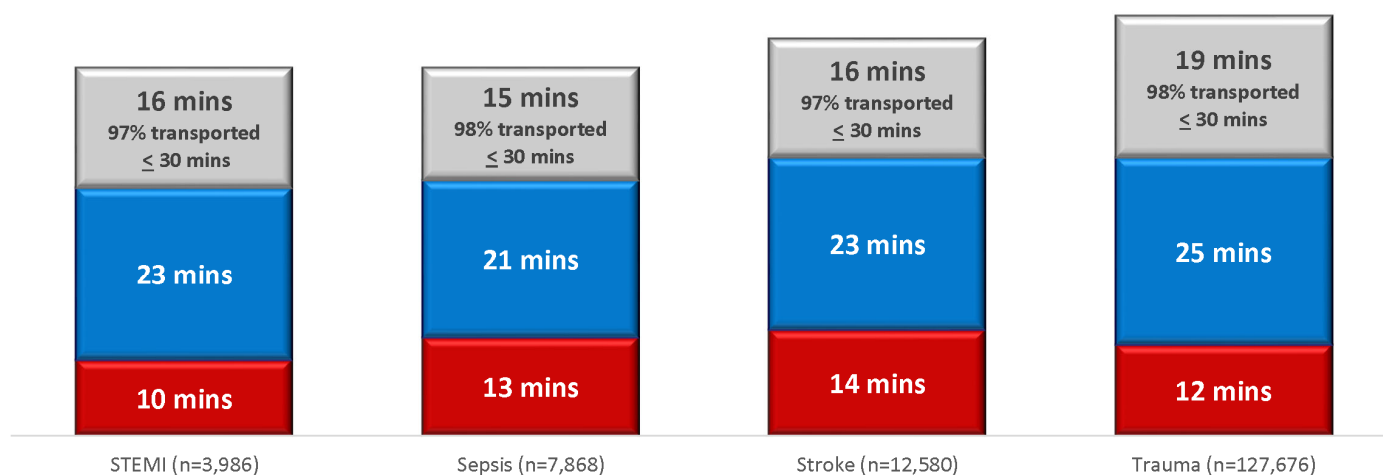
LA County EMS Transport Time of ADULT Patients with Provider Impressions STEMI, Stroke, Sepsis and Traumatic Injuries

- Transport Time (Time Left Scene to Time Arrived at Hospital)
- Scene Time (Time Arrived at Scene to Time Left Scene)
- Response Time (Time of Dispatch to Time Arrived at Scene)



## 2022 EMS Times (90<sup>th</sup> Percentile)

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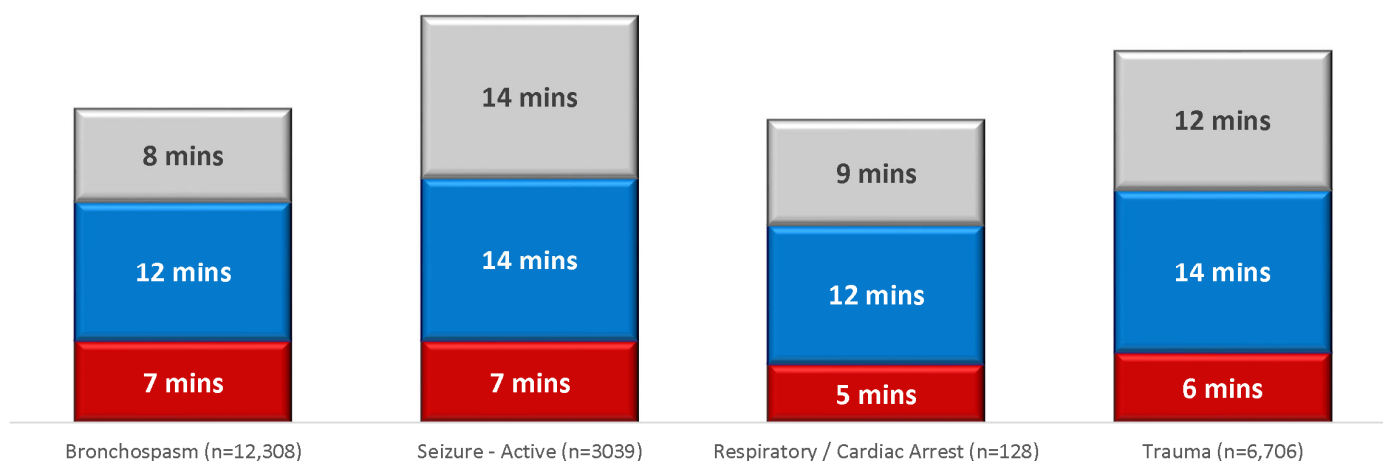




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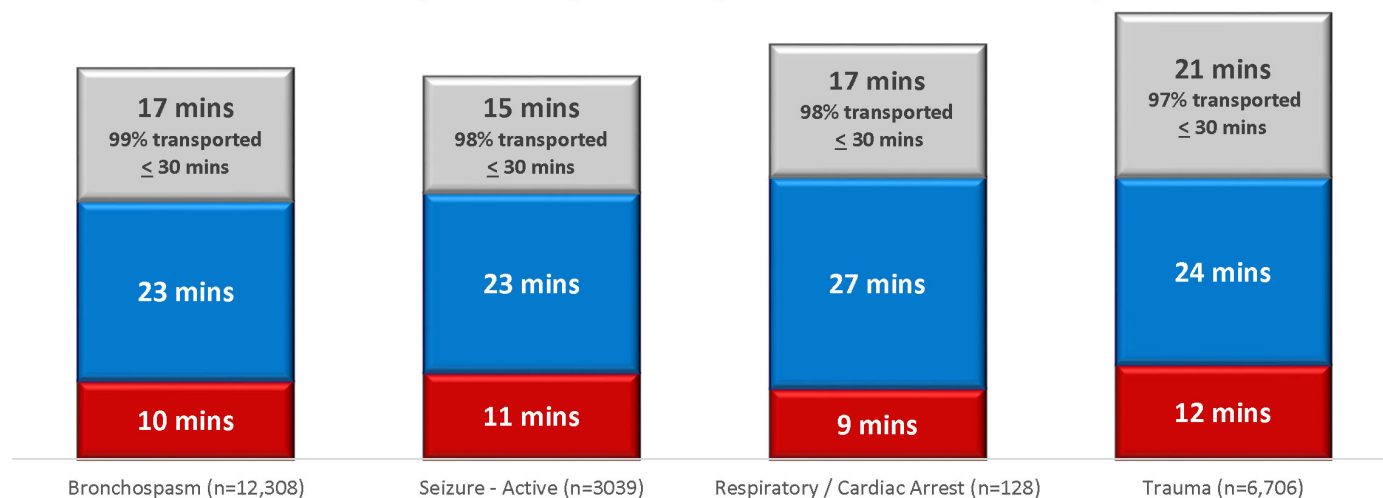
LA County EMS Transport Time PEDIATRIC Patients with Provider Impressions  
Bronchospasm, Seizure, Respiratory/Cardiac Arrest and Traumatic Injuries

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- Response Time (Time of Dispatch to Time Arrived at Scene)



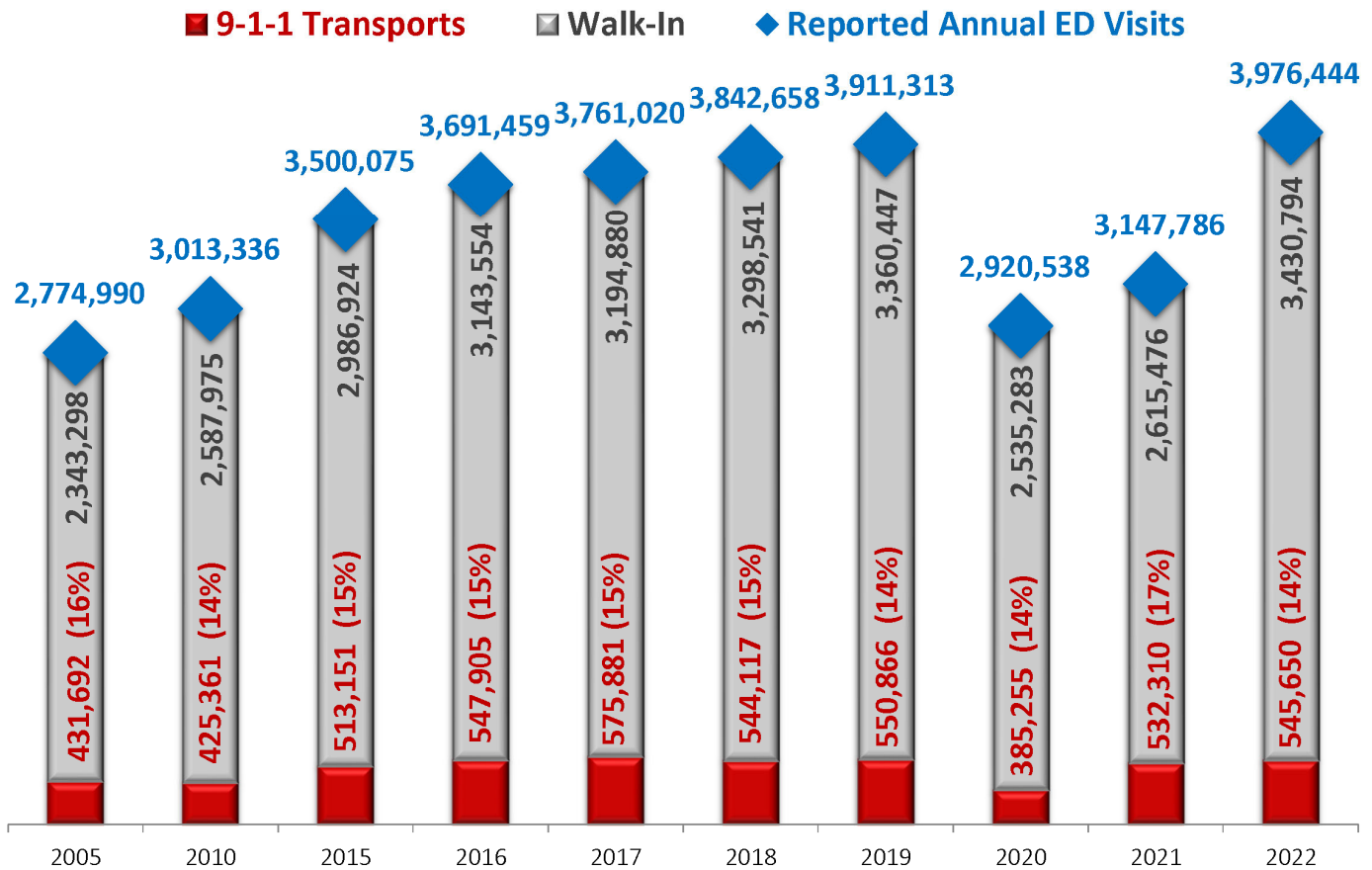
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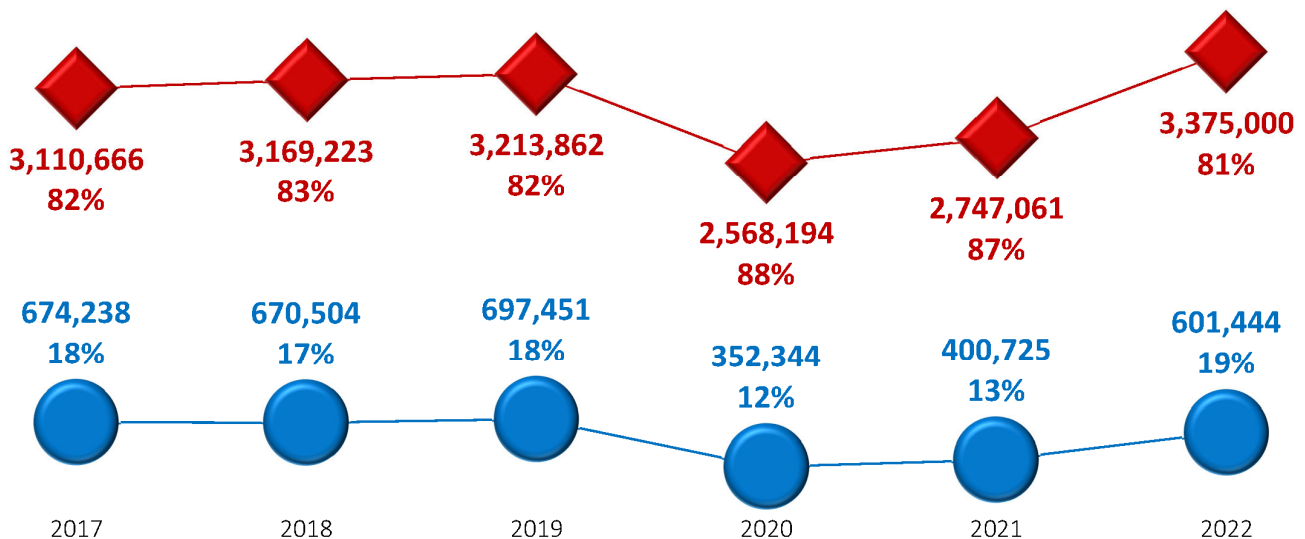


## Emergency Department Volume



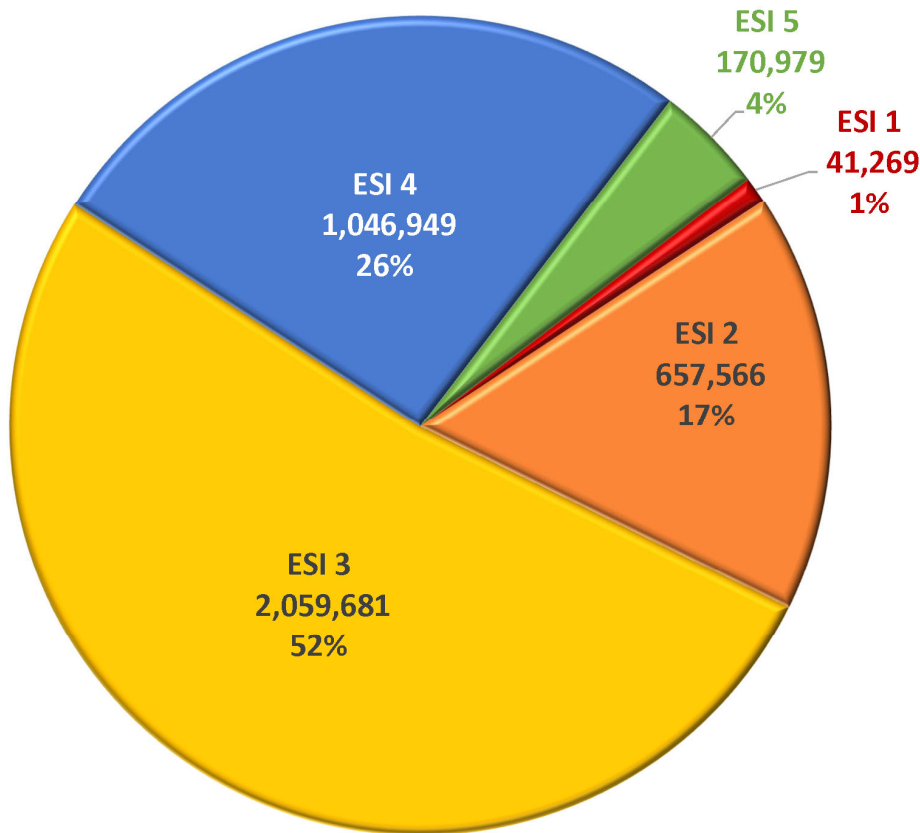
**Adult:**  
15 years and older

**Pediatric:**  
14 years and younger





## Emergency Severity Index (ESI)



**ESI 1**—Patient requiring immediate life-saving interventions: airway, emergency medications, or other hemodynamic; and/or any of the following conditions: intubated, apneic, pulseless, severe respiratory distress, SPO2 <90, acute mental status changes, or unresponsive (defined as nonverbal and not following commands (acutely)); or requires noxious stimulus

**ESI 2**—Patient with a high risk of deterioration or signs of a time critical problem; confused/lethargic/disoriented; or severe pain/distress. Pediatric fever is age 1 to 28 days; temperature >38.0 C.

**ESI 3**—Patient is currently stable but requires multiple different types of resources\* to diagnose or treat condition (e.g., diagnostic tests and procedures).

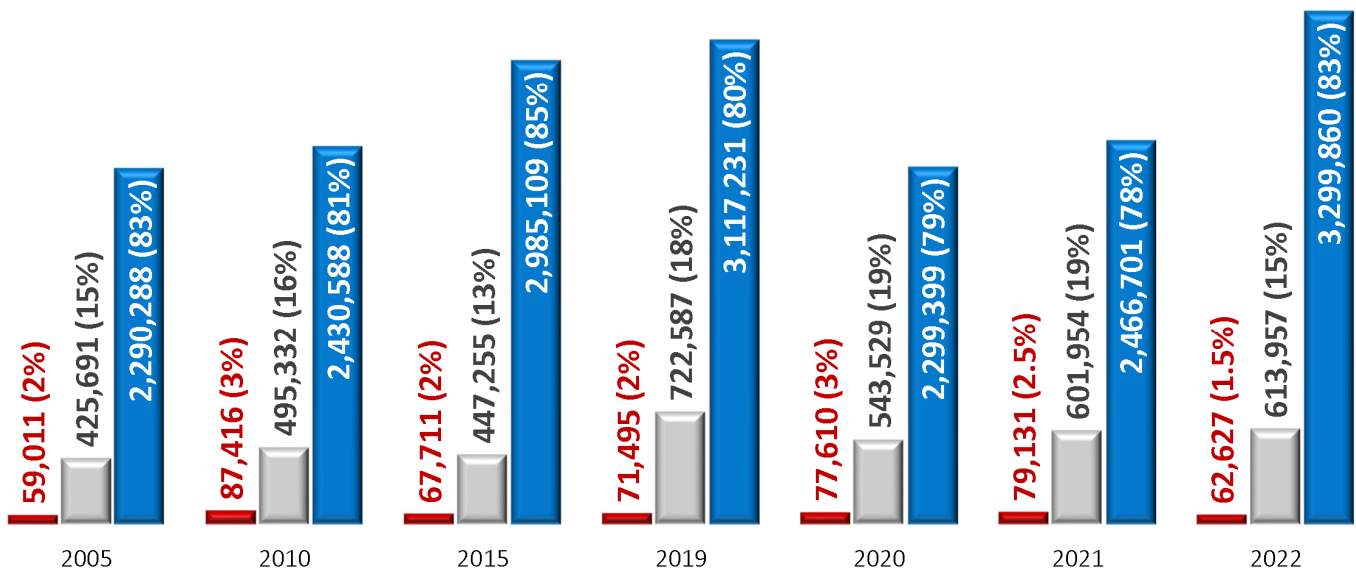
**ESI 4**—A patient requiring a single resource\* such as only an x-ray or sutures.

**ESI 5**—A patient not needing any resources\*.

\*The following are not considered resources: simple wound care-dressing/recheck; sling, PO medications, saline lock, history and physical-including a pelvic exam; point of care testing; tetanus immunization; prescription refills, crutches; splint

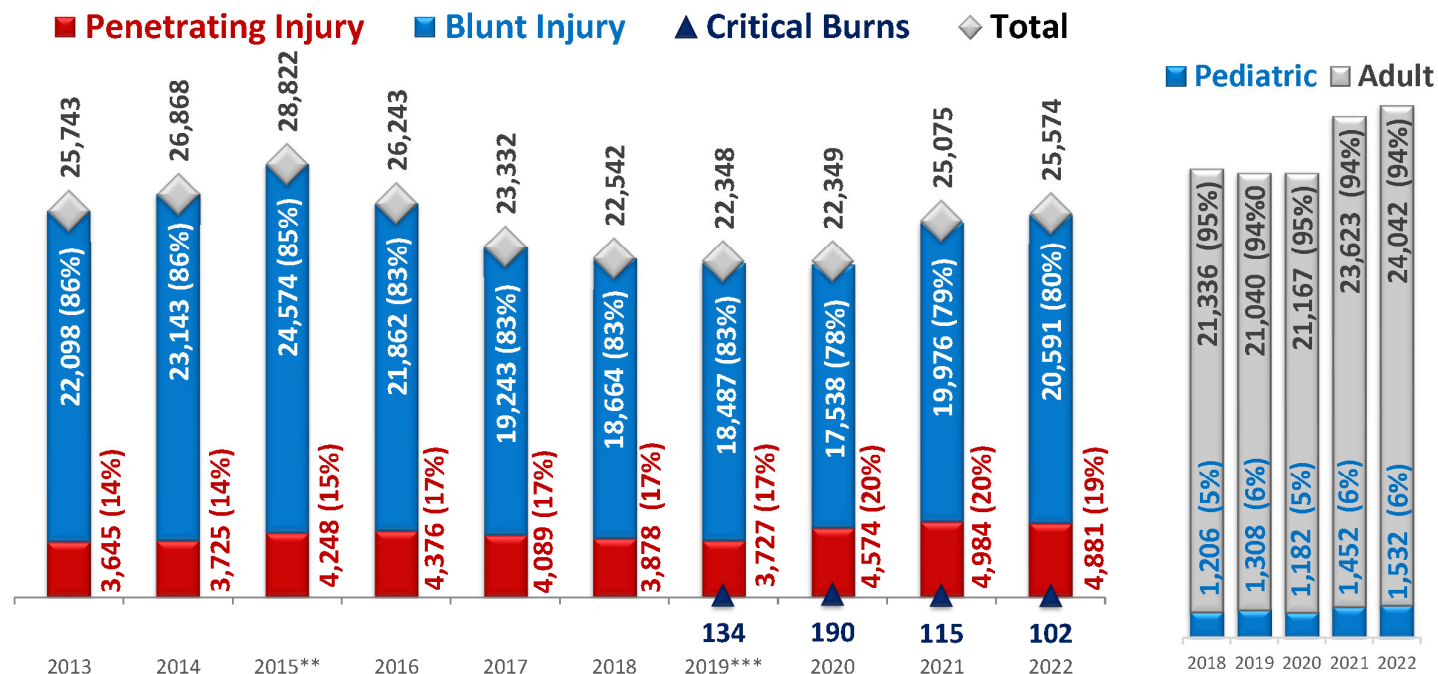
## ED Patient Disposition (walk-in and 9-1-1)

- Admitted to Intensive Care Unit
- Admitted to Non-Intensive Care Unit Area
- Discharged from ED/24 hr Observation





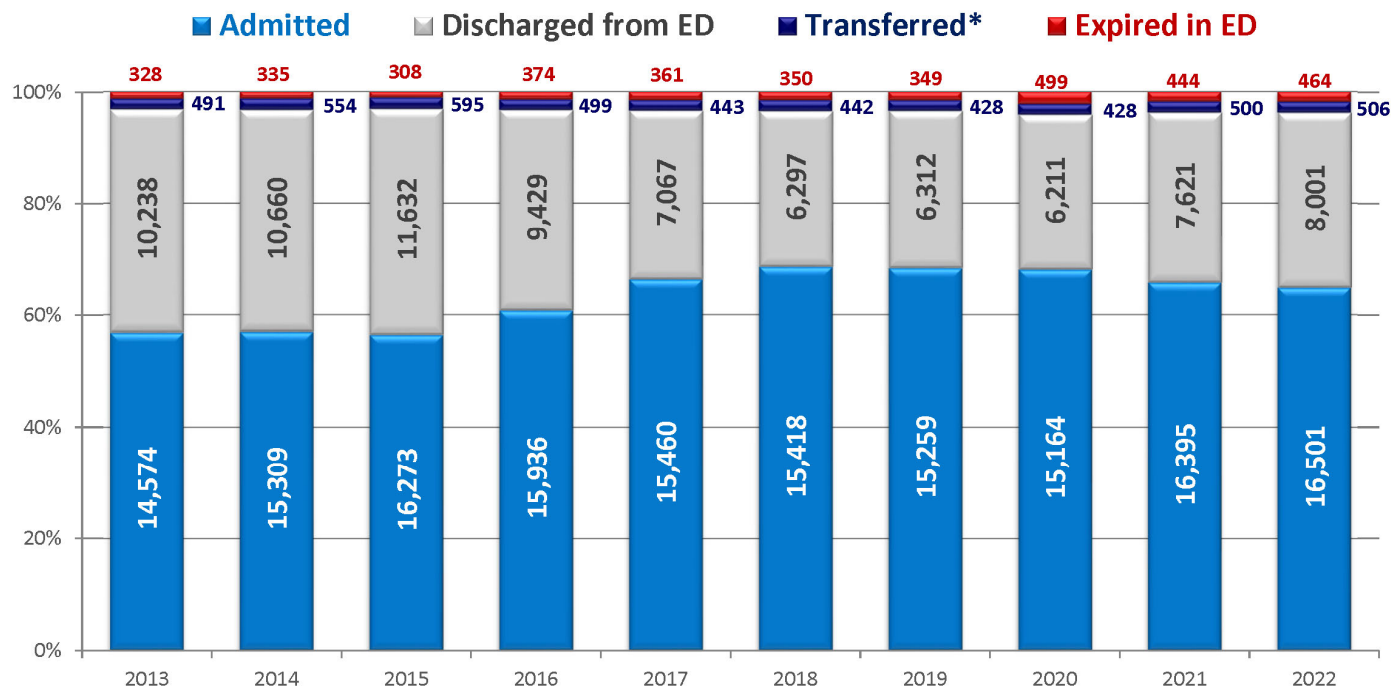
## Trauma Center Volume (includes EMS transports and Walk-In patients who met trauma center criteria/guidelines)



\*2015 : Trauma Center Registry inclusion criteria was revised.

\*\*2019: Critical Burns added as a Trauma Center Criteria

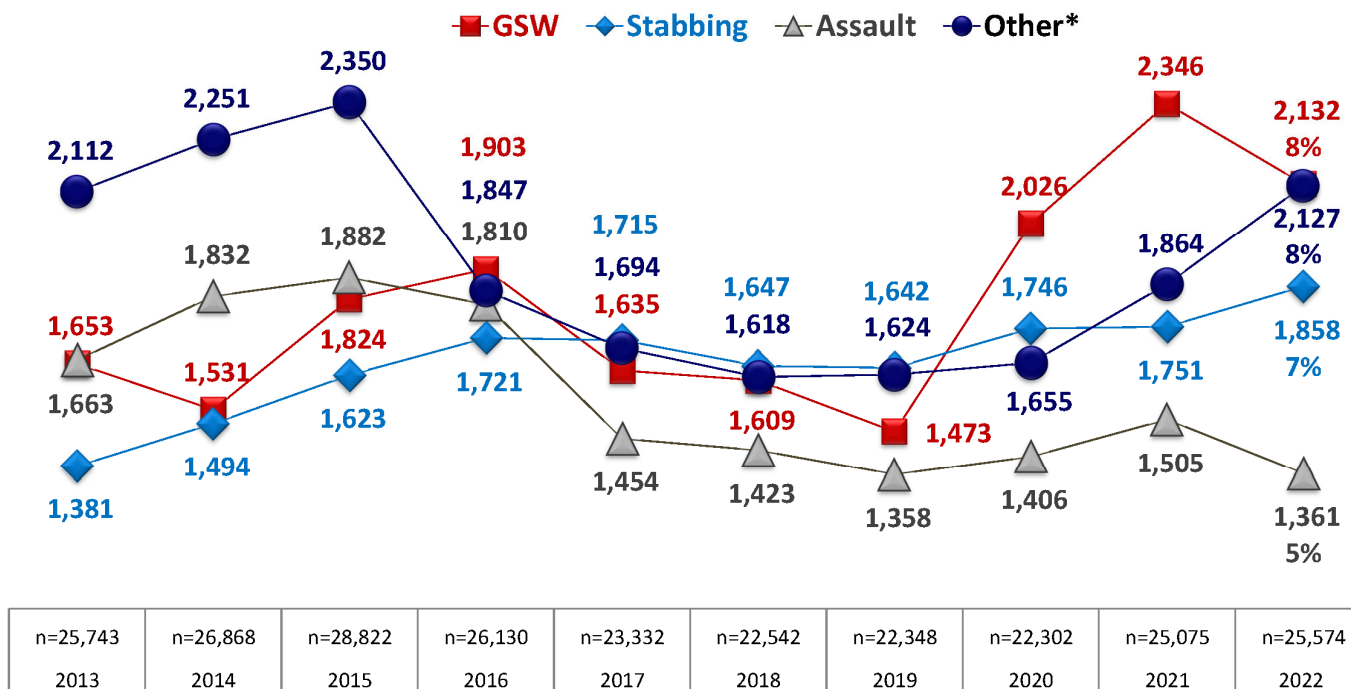
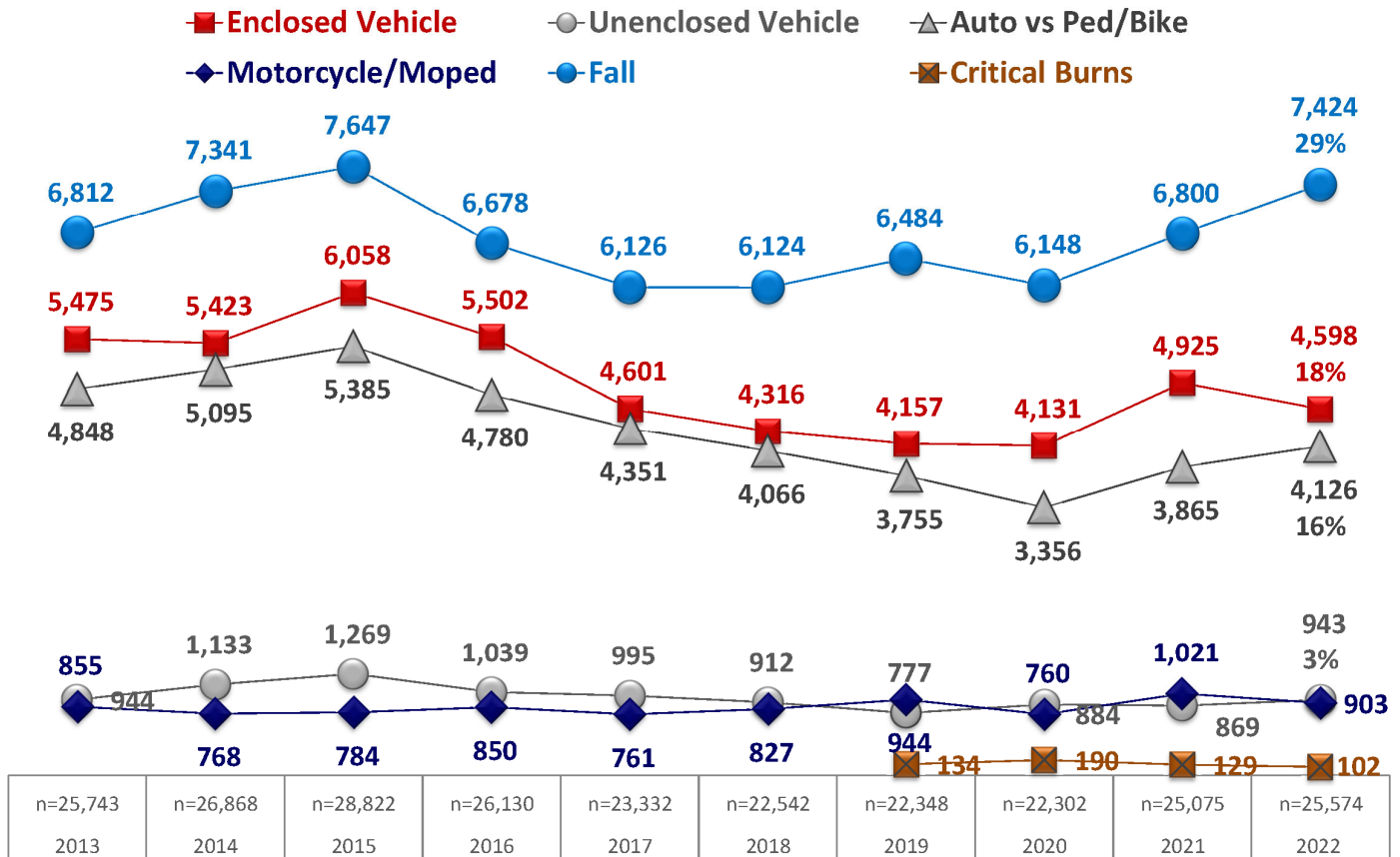
## Patient Disposition of Trauma Center Patients



\* Transferred to another health facility



## Mechanism of Injury: Patients Transported to Trauma Centers



\* Other: includes Sports, Work Related, Self-Inflicted, Unknown

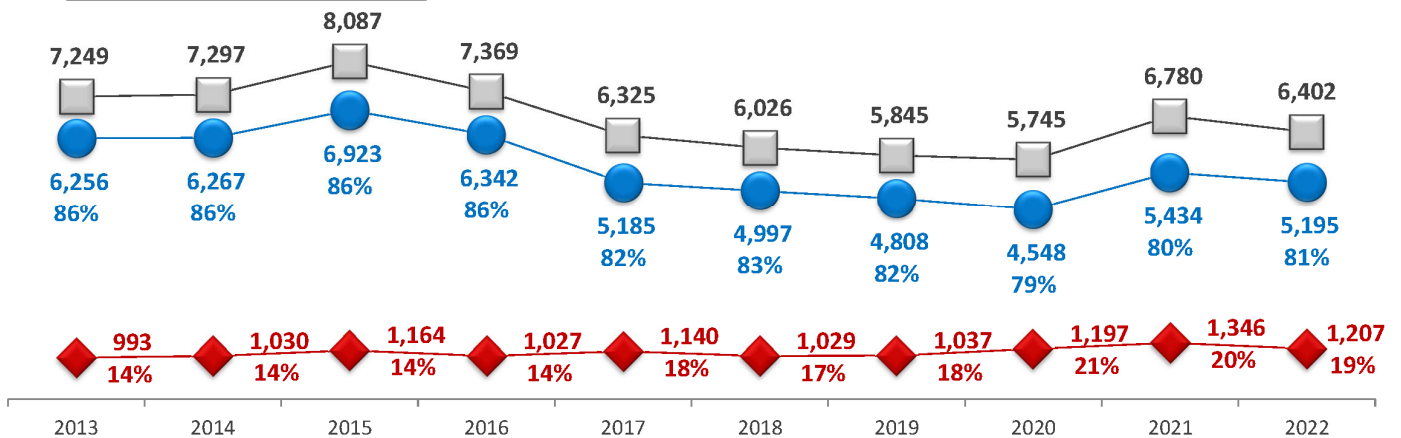




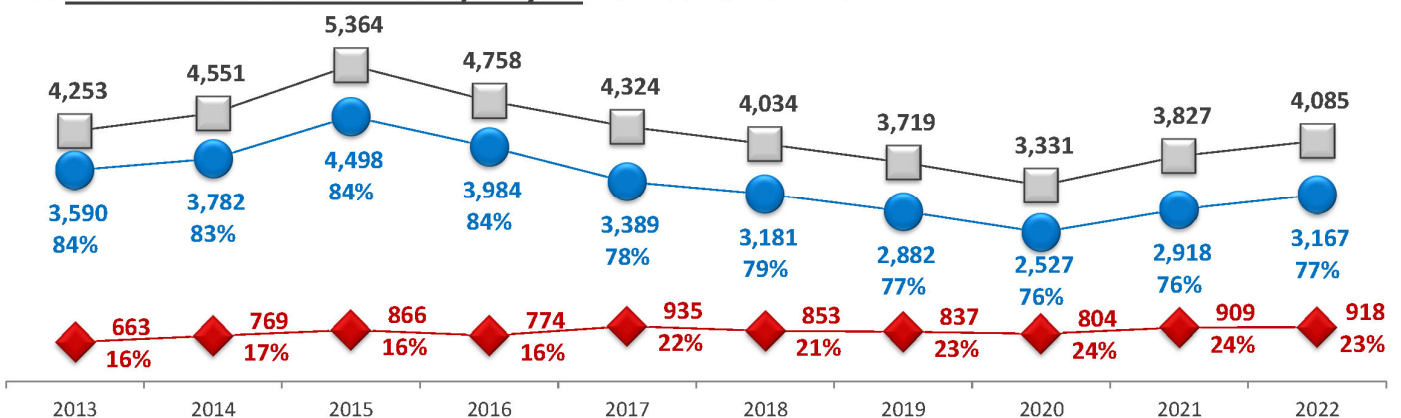
## Injury Severity Score by Mechanism of Injury

**Injury Severity Score (ISS):** Is an established medical score to assess trauma severity. It correlates with mortality, morbidity and hospitalization time after trauma. It is used to define the term major trauma. A major trauma (or polytrauma) is defined as the ISS being greater than 15.

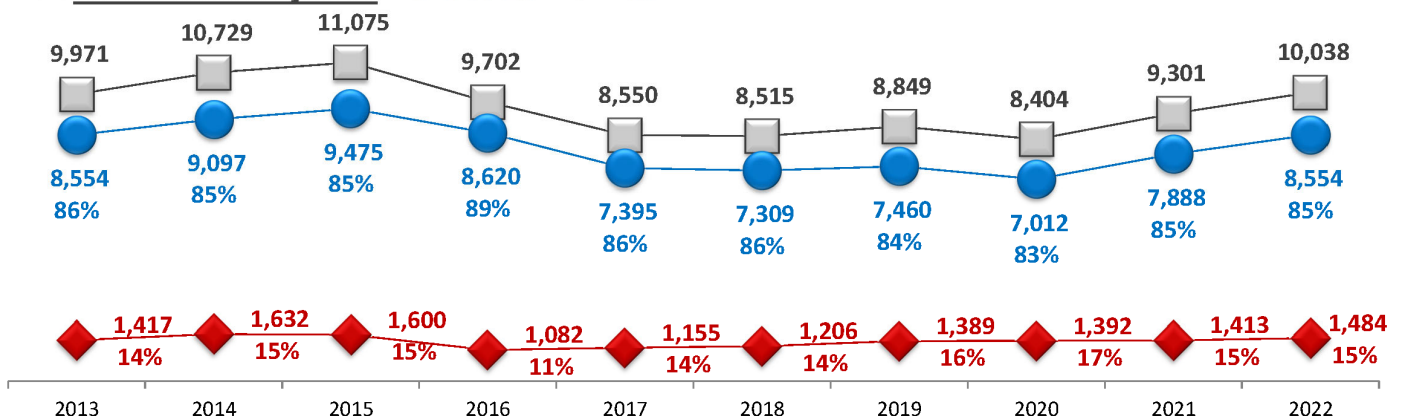
### Motor Vehicle Accident



### Automobile vs Pedestrian/Bicycle



### Other Blunt Injuries

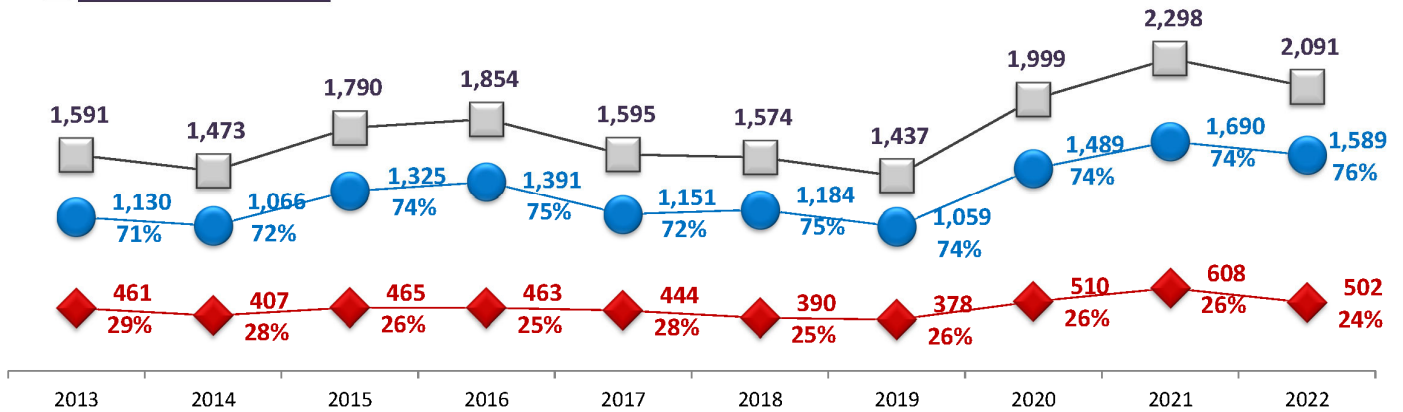




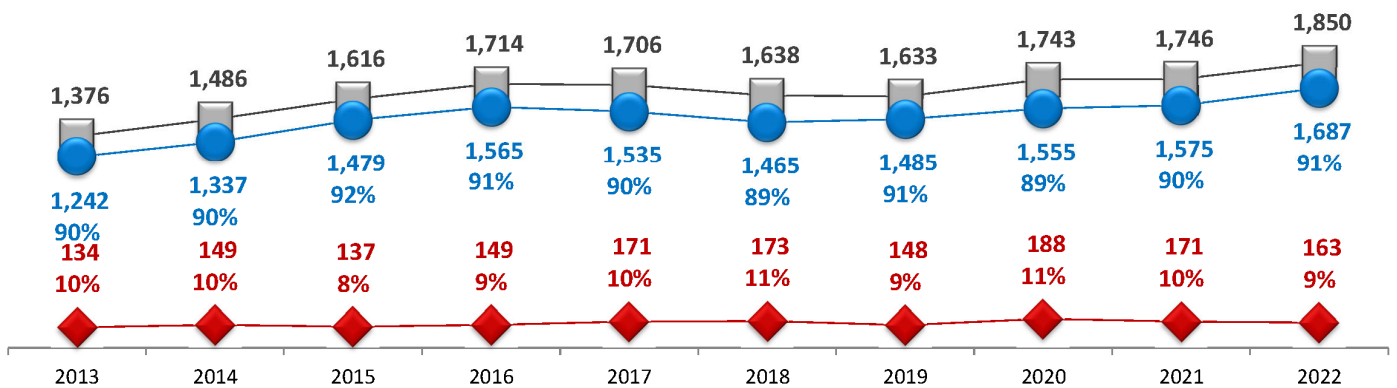


## Injury Severity Score by Mechanism of Injury

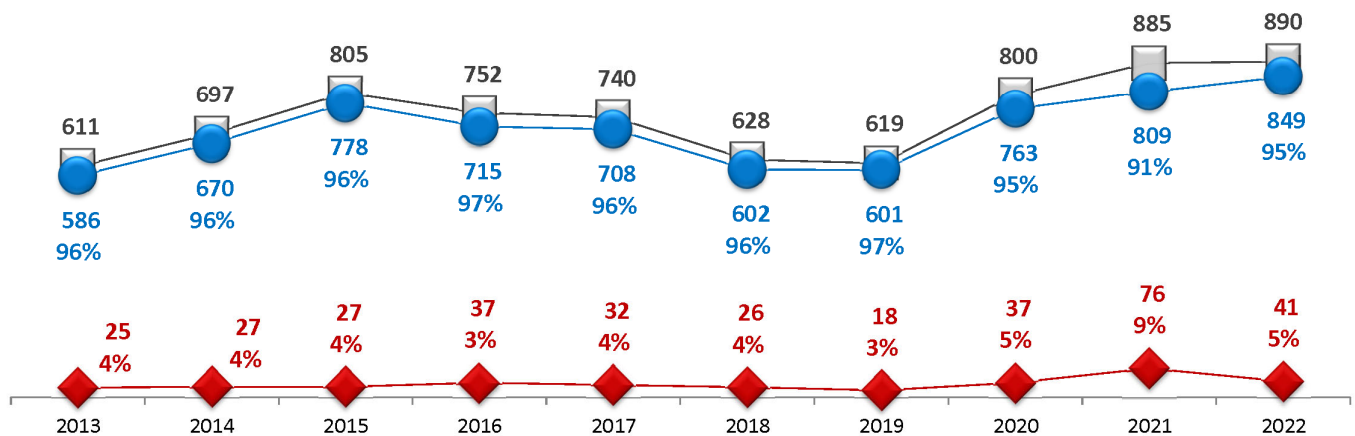
■ Gunshot Wound ● 1 to 15 ◆ > 15



■ Stab Wound ● 1 to 15 ◆ > 15



■ Other Penetrating Injury ● 1 to 15 ◆ > 15





## ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI)

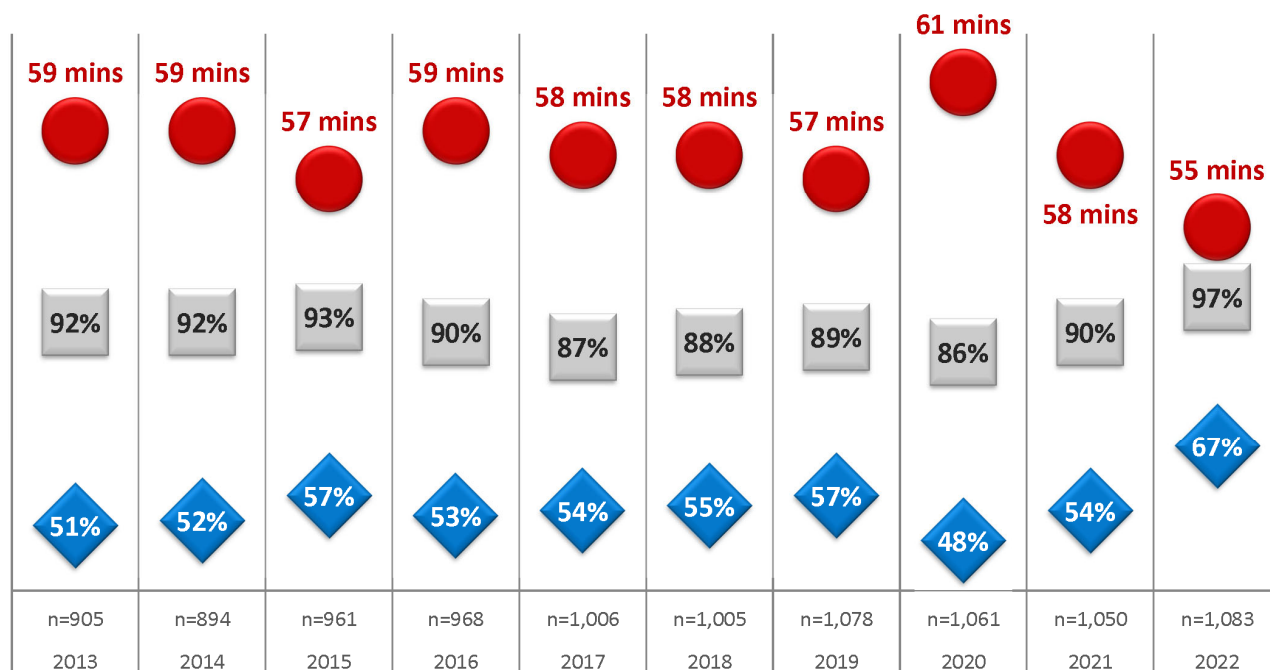
### STEMI Receiving Center: Door-to-Device (D2B) Time

LA County Target: within 90 minutes 90% of the time

● Median D2B Time

■ % with D2B < 90 mins

◆ % with D2B < 60 mins



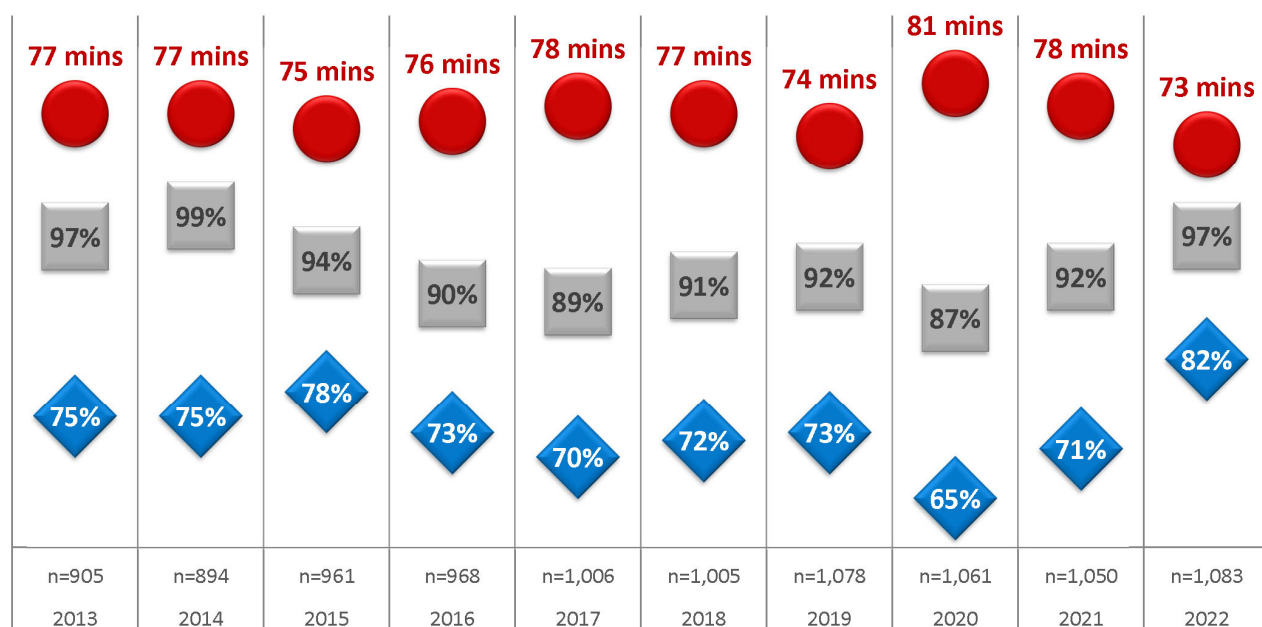
### STEMI Receiving Center: EMS Medical Contact-to-Device (E2B) Time

LA County Target: within 120 minutes 90% of the time

● Median E2B Time

■ % with E2B < 120 mins

◆ % with E2B < 90 mins

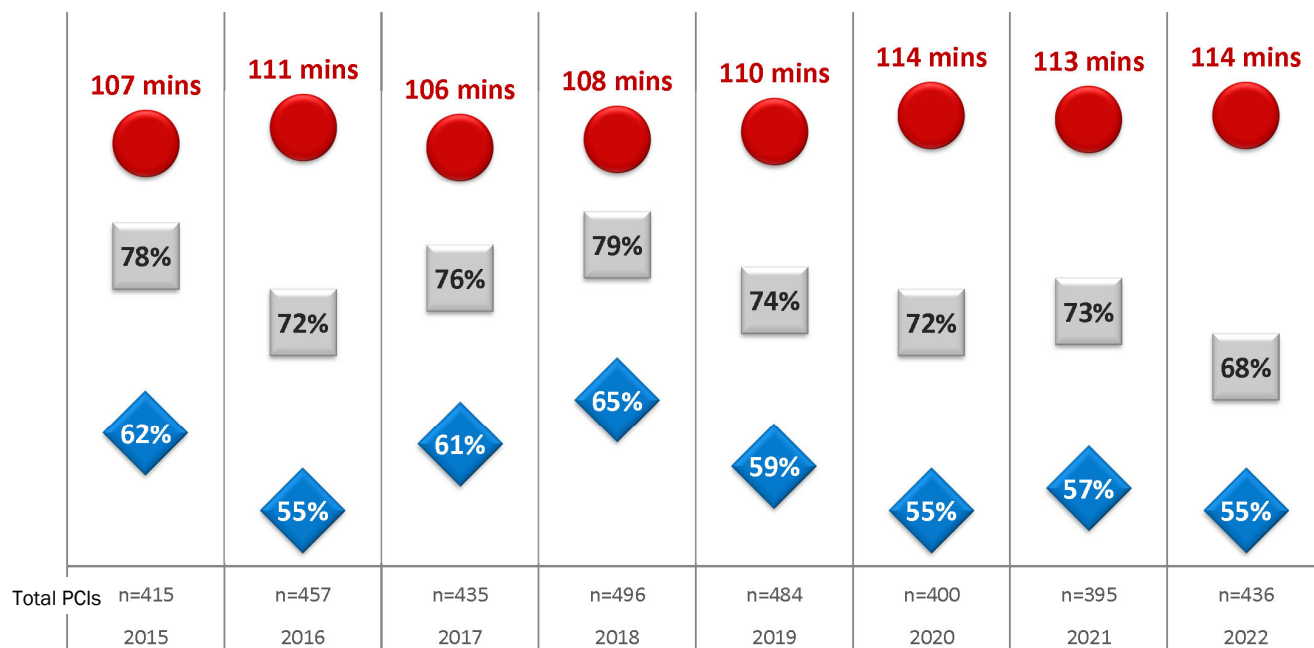




## STEMI Referral Facility: Door-to-Device (D2B) Time

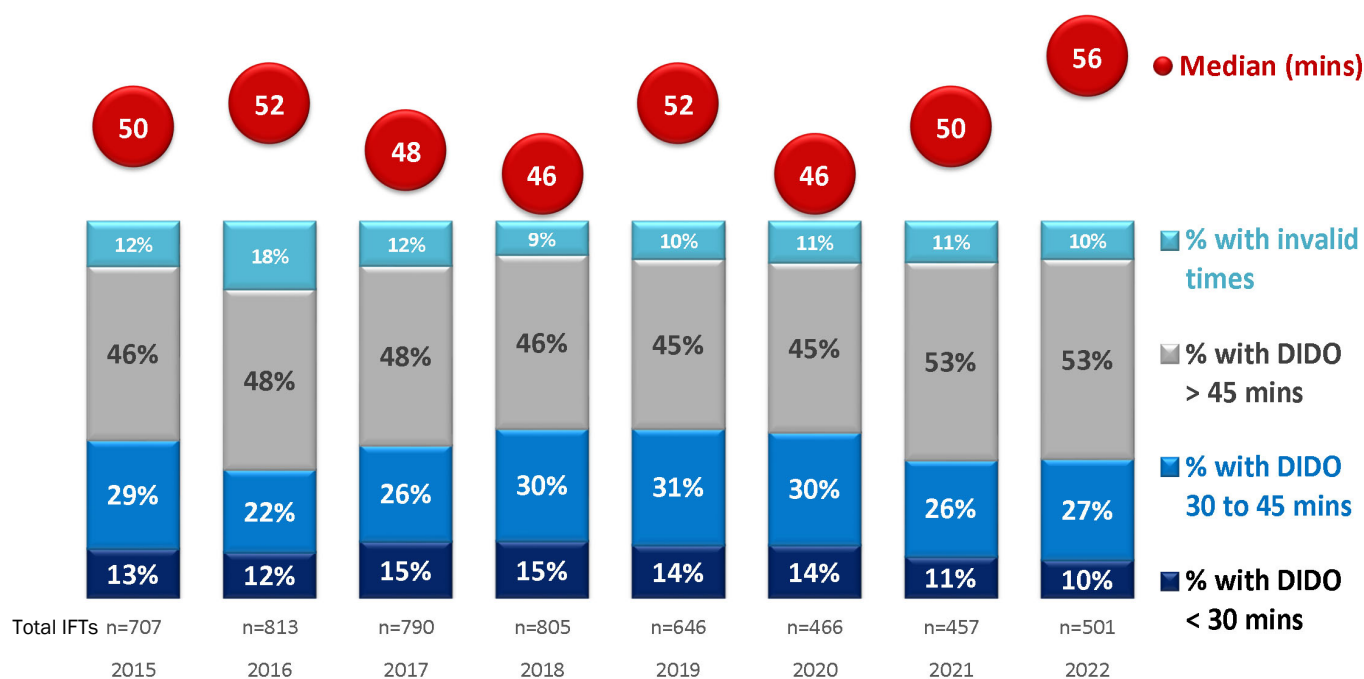
LA County Target: within 150 minutes 90% of the time

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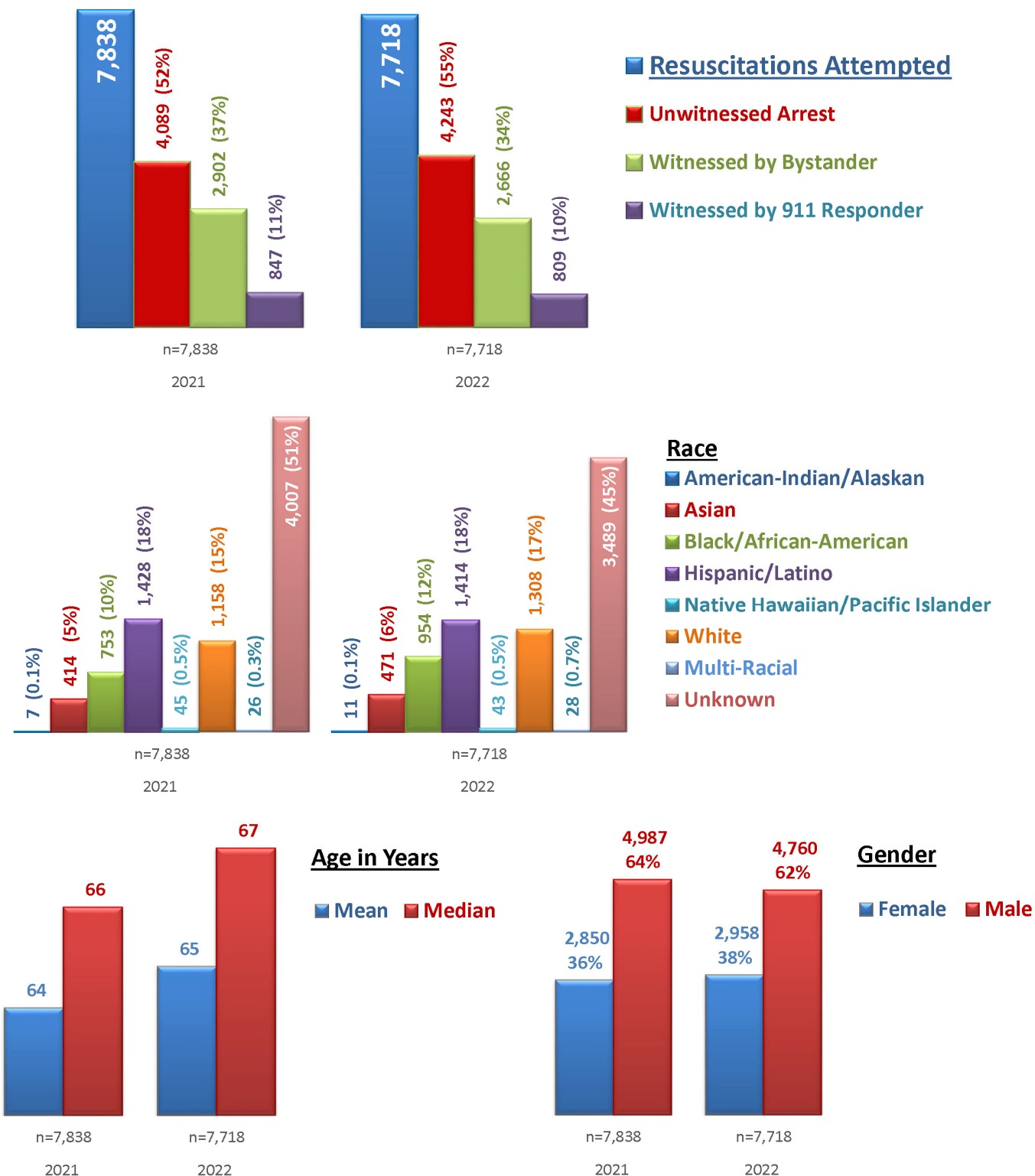
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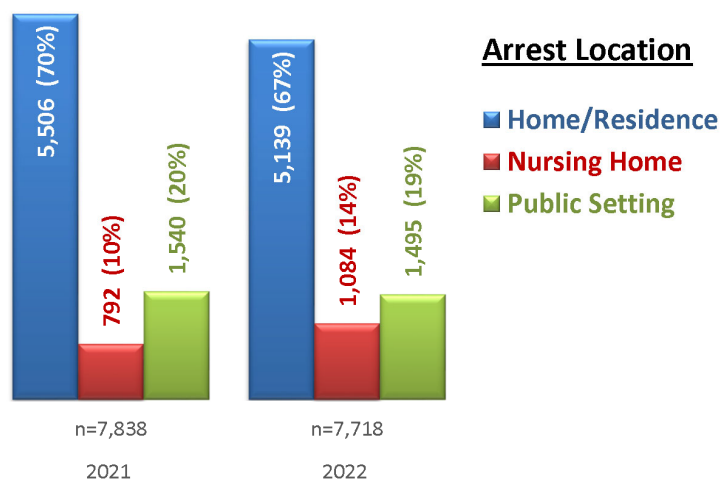


## Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest (OHCA) Non-Traumatic Etiology

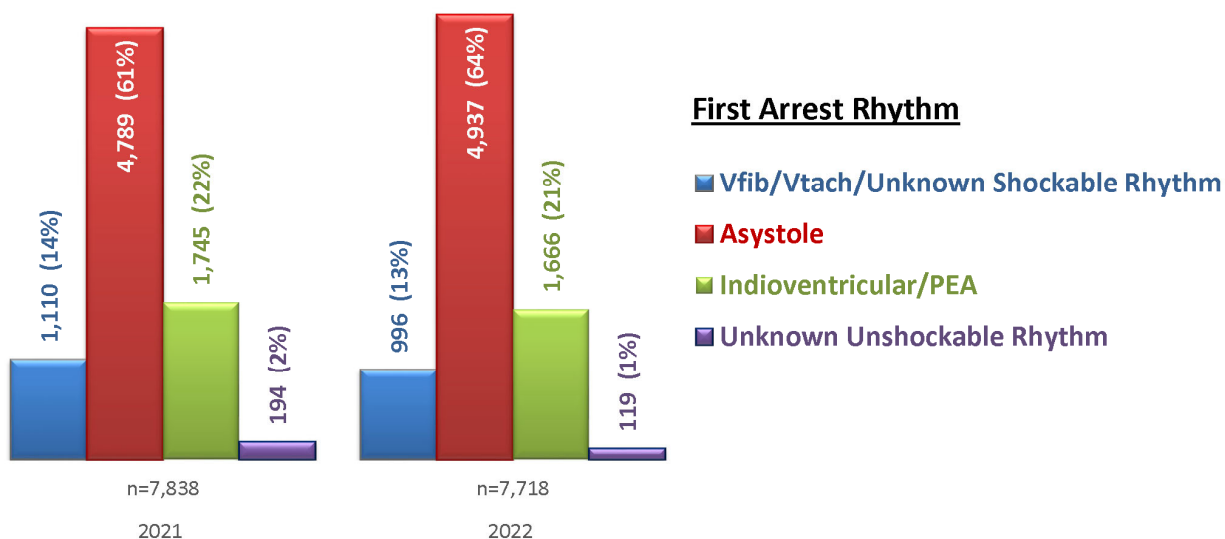




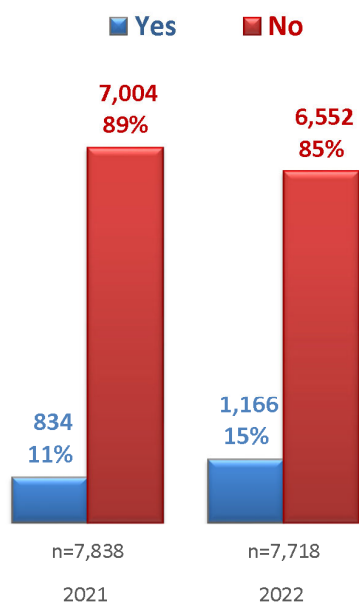
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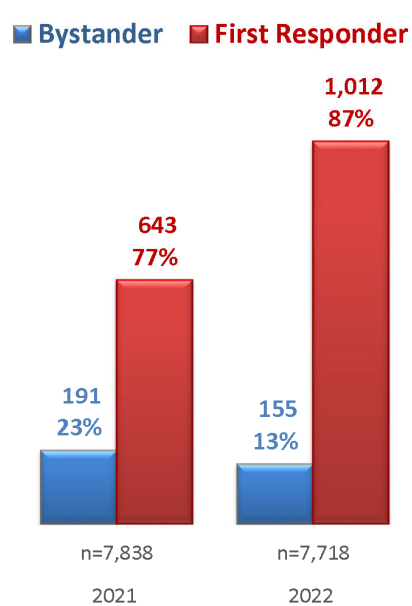
### First Arrest Rhythm



### Was an AED Applied prior to EMS Arrival?



### Who First Applied AED?





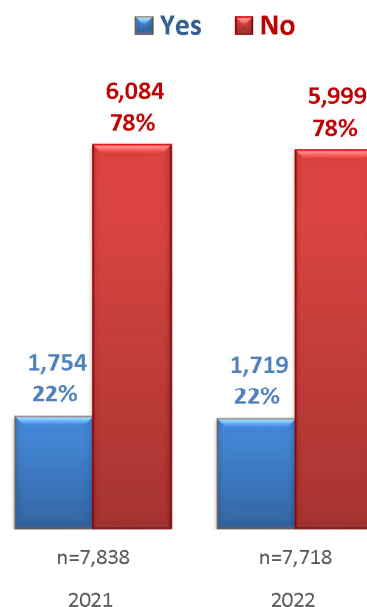
## Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest (OHCA) Return of Spontaneous Circulation (ROSC)

### Who Initiated CPR?

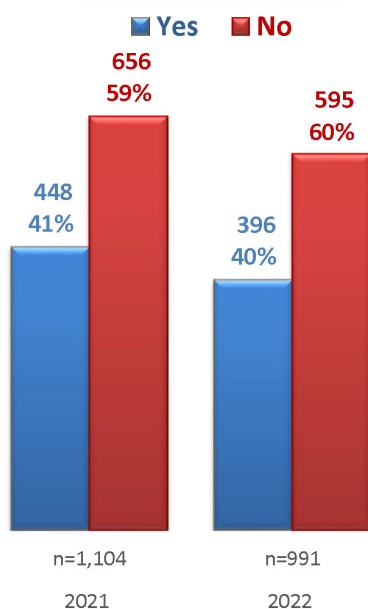


### Sustained ROSC

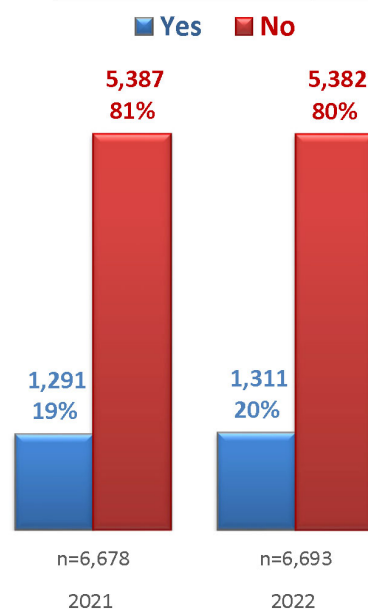
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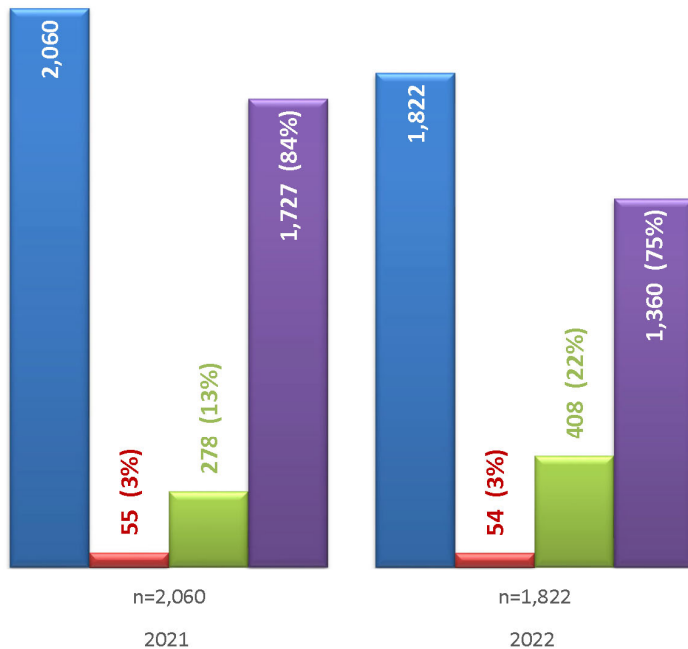


### Sustained ROSC Shockable Rhythm



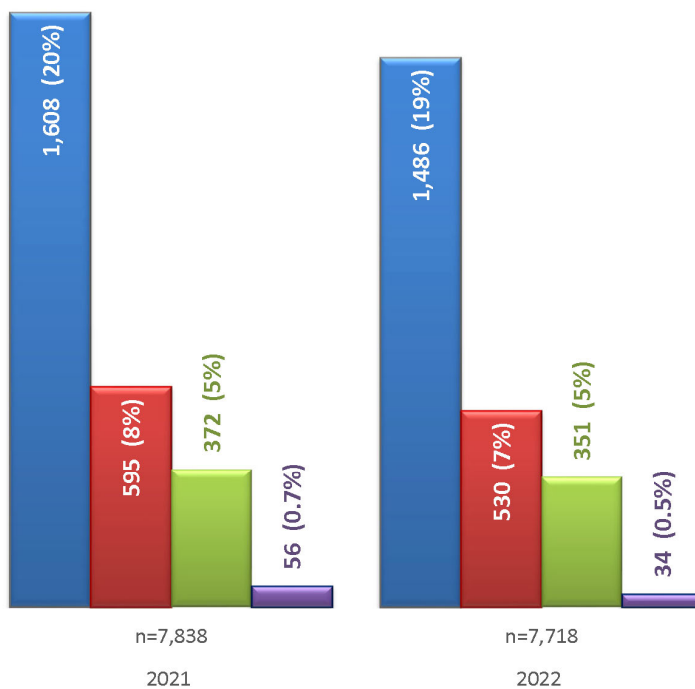
### Sustained ROSC Non-Shockable Rhythm





### Who First Defibrillated the Patient?

- Patients Defibrillated
- Bystander
- First Responder
- Responding EMS Personnel



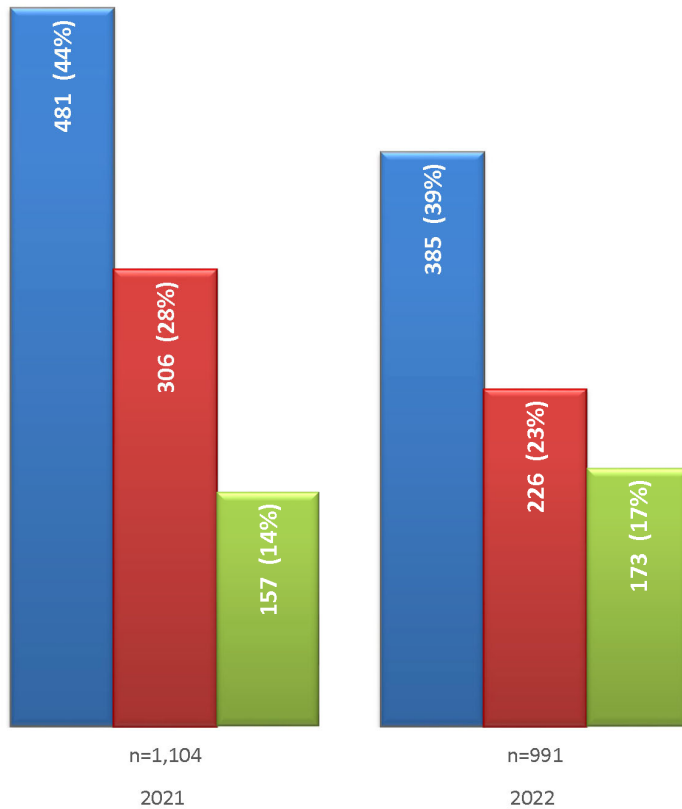
### Cardiac Arrest Outcome

- Overall Survival to Hospital Admission
- Overall Survival to Hospital Discharge
- With Good or Moderate Cerebral Performance (CPC 1 or 2)
- Missing Hospital Outcome





## Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest (OHCA)

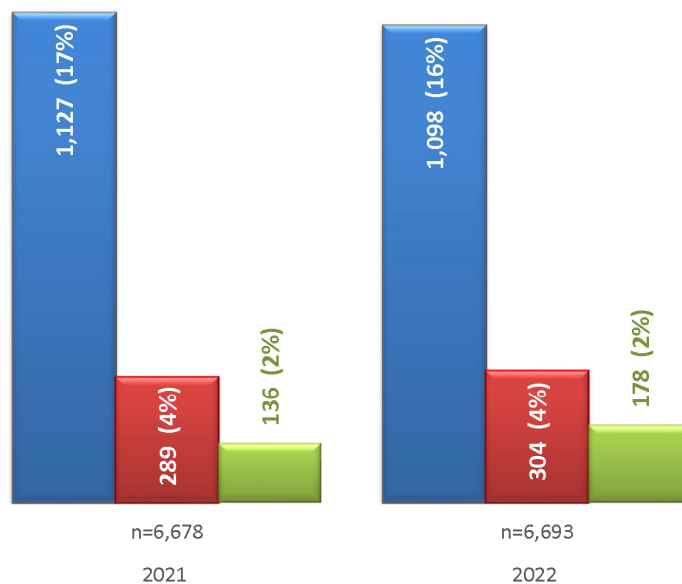


### Cardiac Arrest Outcome: Shockable Rhythm

■ Overall Survival to Hospital Admission

■ Overall Survival to Hospital Discharge

■ With Good or Moderate Cerebral Performance (CPC 1 or 2)



### Cardiac Arrest Outcome: Non-Shockable Rhythm

■ Overall Survival to Hospital Admission

■ Overall Survival to Hospital Discharge

■ With Good or Moderate Cerebral Performance (CPC 1 or 2)

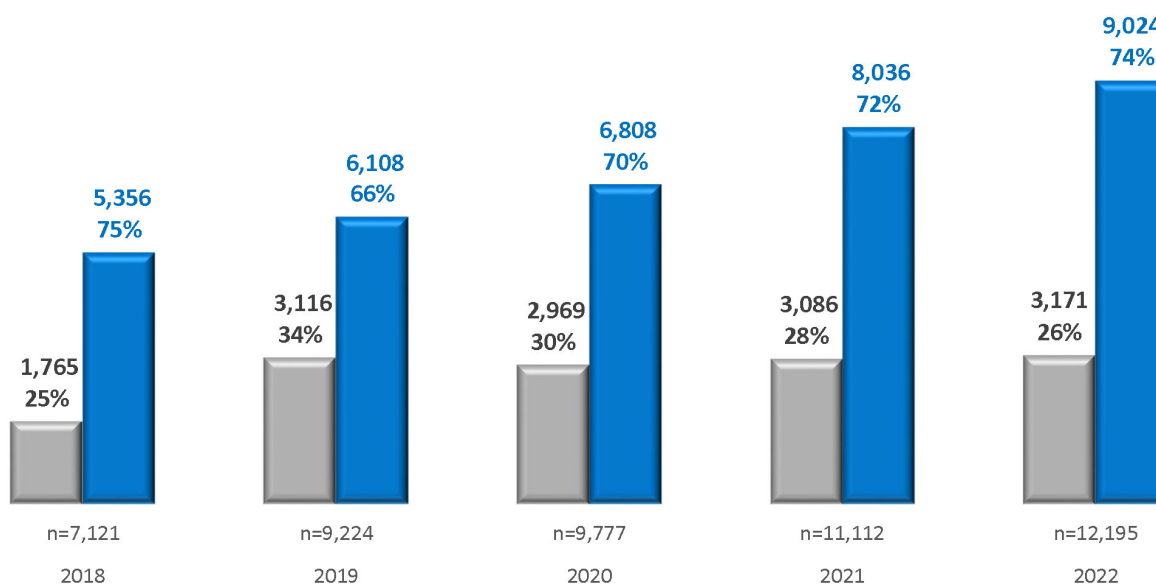




## Suspected Stroke Patient Destination

The routing of suspected stroke patients with large vessel occlusions based on a Los Angeles Motor Scale (LAMS) score of 4 or 5 to designated Comprehensive Stroke Centers began on January 8, 2018.

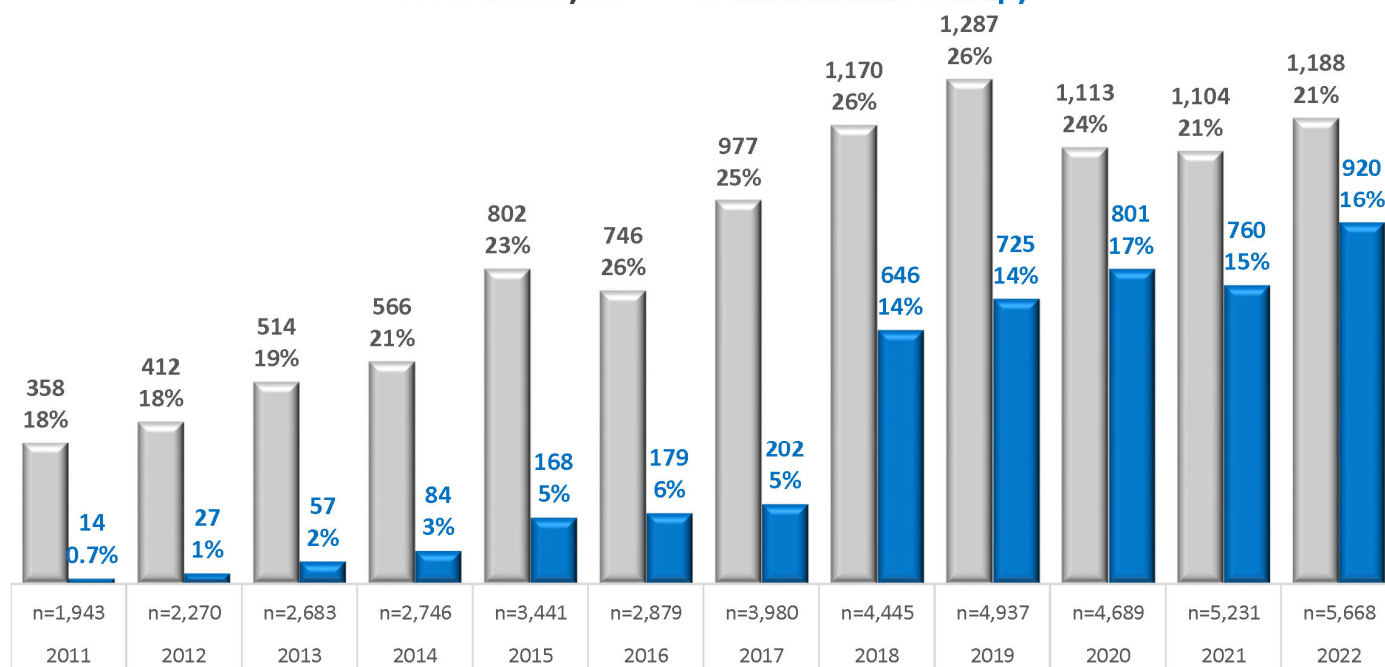
■ Transported to a Primary Stroke Center ■ Transported to a Comprehensive Stroke Center



This chart is based on the Stroke Center Designation of the receiving facility, regardless of routing criteria.

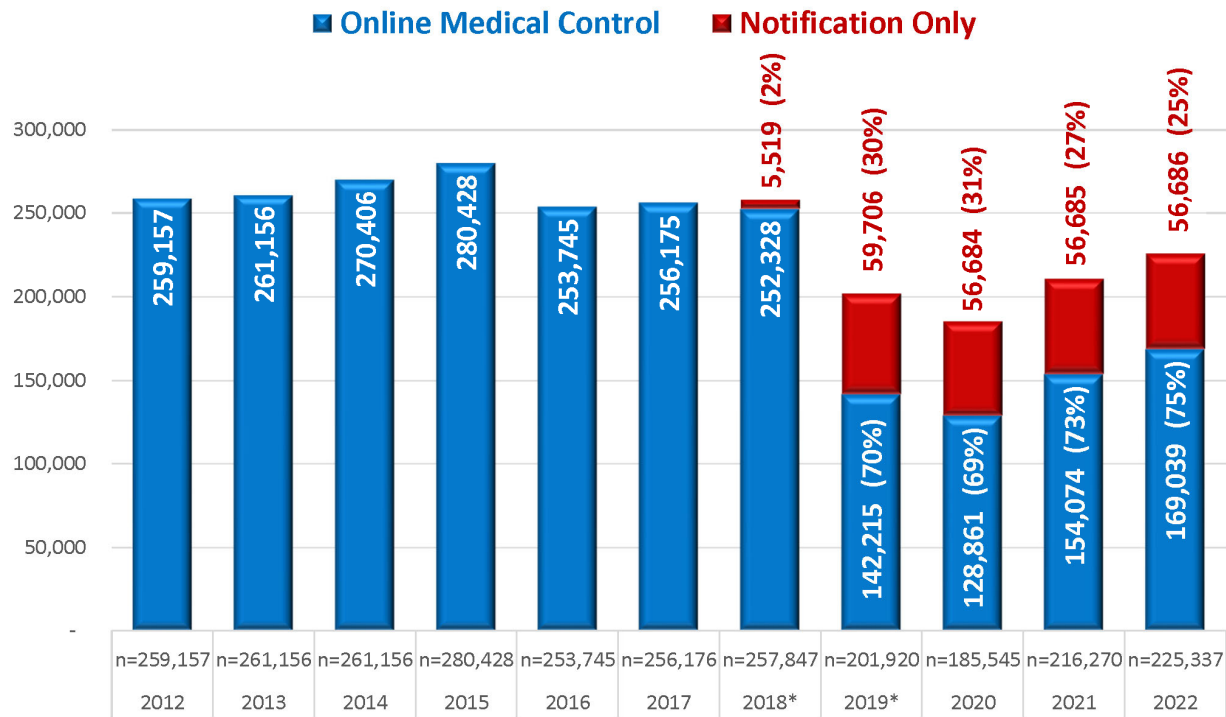
## Treatment—All Ischemic Stroke

■ Thrombolytics ■ Endovascular Therapy





## Paramedic Base Hospital Contact



\* Phased-in implementation of New Treatment Protocols started in July 1, 2018 and was fully implemented in April 1, 2019.  
The New Treatment Protocols reduced the number of EMS responses requiring online medical control.

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# Trauma Grand Rounds

**Date:** Wednesday, March 6, 2024

**Time:** 0900 to 1100 Hours

**Location:** Virtual

***We are proud to present:***

***Ocular Trauma***, presented by Dr. Brenton D. Finklea, Cornea Attending Surgeon &  
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Registration is required at: [SWRTCC Trauma Grand Rounds Registration \(smartsheet.com\)](https://www.smartsheet.com)

Registration will close on March 3, 2024, at 5:00 pm

(The Microsoft Teams link will be sent via email prior to the event)

**Target Audience:** Physician, RN, MICN, Paramedic, EMT.

**CE/CME are pending approval.**





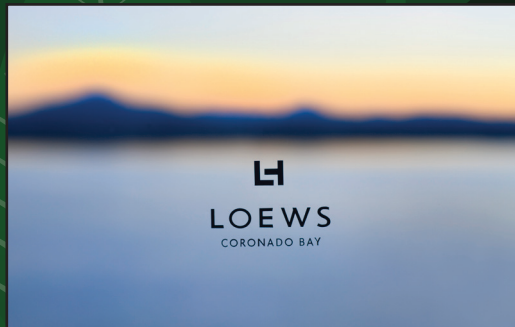


# 2024 Annual EMSAAC CONFERENCE

May 29 & 30, 2024

# HO'OHANNA

HAWAIIAN: DO MEANINGFUL WORK




*Loews Coronado Hotel, San Diego*

Pre-Conferences held concurrently on Tuesday, May 28, 2024

- EMS Investigations from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Applied CQI from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm



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# HO'OHANA: DO MEANINGFUL WORK

The EMS Administrators' Association of California (EMSAAC) cordially invites California's EMS leaders and professionals to join us for the EMSAAC Annual Conference 2024 at the Loews Coronado Resort on the Coronado Peninsula in San Diego. EMSAAC continues to lead the way in creating conferences that are meaningful and exciting to attend. This year's theme, HO'OHANA is a Hawaiian word for "Do Meaningful Work" embodies the concept that puts EMS professionals to work everyday to do the valuable life-saving work that we are called to do. The theme lays down the foundation for a broad variety of subject matter to interest all levels of prehospital care personnel and managers including ambulance providers, fire department personnel, military and law enforcement partners, LEMSAs personnel, ED nurses, physicians, emergency preparedness coordinators and anyone who provides EMS to their community. The conference includes lectures, panel discussions and opportunities to network with current leaders and innovators in EMS as well as previews new and upcoming equipment, products and services.

In keeping with the theme and as a result of the devastating fires in Maui, EMSAAC will be collecting donations for Maui First Responders that will be distributed through a Maui foundation.

## About EMSAAC

EMSAAC is composed of administrators from 34 Local EMS Agencies (LEMSAs). These county-designated agencies are responsible for planning, coordinating, implementing, monitoring, and evaluating a local, integrated system of emergency medical services. The LEMSAs partner with the California EMS Authority to carry out applicable regulations and guidelines statewide.

## Continuing Education Credits

This conference has been planned and implemented to provide instructor-based continuing education for nurses and pre-hospital care professionals through the Orange County Emergency Medical Services Agency, a division of the Orange County Health Care Agency.

Provider is approved by the California Board of registered Nursing, BRN Provider #13945 for up to 11 contact hours. California EMS CE provided by the Orange County EMS Agency CEP#30-0001. Up to 11 hours of instructor-based CE will be issued to EMTs, paramedics and MICNs upon completion.



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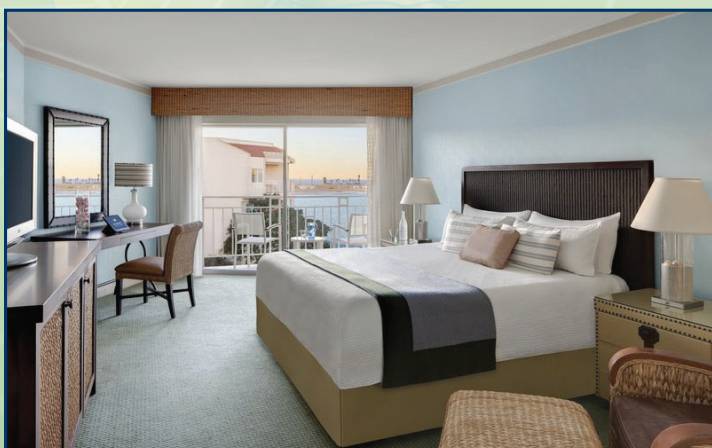


## Rates & Reservations

Please make your own reservations and be sure to request the EMSAAC Conference reduced rate of \$179 per night plus taxes. This low rate includes:

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- ✿ Complimentary use of fitness center
- ✿ 15% discount off spa services from Sea Spa
- ✿ No resort fees
- ✿ Reduced parking rate of \$15/day (Valet at \$30/day)

A block of rooms will be held until April 17, 2024. After this date, reservations will be accepted on a space and rate available basis only. This conference rate will be honored 3 days before and 3 days after the conference dates, excluding suite rates, and subject to availability. Check-in time: 4pm



## The Resort

Centered between the Pacific Ocean and Coronado Bay, the resort epitomizes the true southern California lifestyle. Taking full advantage of the resort's waterfront location, the new redesign artfully combines San Diego's sun and surf with the casual charm of southern California. Relax by one of three pools, stroll down the pristine Silver Strand State Beach, pamper yourself at the Sea Spa, sailing or boating on the bay or just enjoy a glass of wine sitting at the outdoor fire feature watching the sunset. Other resort activities include three tennis courts, a full service marina, bike rentals and a fleet of gondolas. The ideal setting for families, the hotel has a children's pool and a kids club offering a range of activities, including scavenger hunts and magic tricks (surcharges). The Resort is a Four Diamond Award hotel and listed as one of the Top 10 Best Hotels in San Diego!



## Your Stay

Almost all of the 439 rooms have a water view, either bay or ocean views. The Amenities featured in guestrooms include air conditioning, minibars, and complimentary newspapers. Guestrooms have cable television with pay movies. Business-friendly amenities include multi-line phones, desks, and voice mail. Balconies are featured in all guestrooms. Bathrooms provide bathrobes and hair dryers.





# Conference Program

## DAY 1 - Wednesday, May 29, 2024

**7:00 am**

### **Registration and Visit Exhibitors**

Continental Breakfast in Exhibit Hall

**8:00 am - 8:10 am**

### **Aloha and Good Morning “Kakahiaka”**

Nick Clay, EMSAAC President

Director, Santa Barbara County EMS Agency

**8:10 am - 8:15 am**

### **State of the State**

Elizabeth Basnett, Director

California EMS Authority

**8:15 am - 9:15 am**

### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

#### **Purposeful Inclusion: How EMS System Design Can Help Close the Health Equity Gap**

Doug Wolfberg, Attorney

It's time for EMS systems to measure what matters. The decades-long focus on response times as a leading measure of system performance has consumed a disproportionate amount of time, energy and resources, for comparatively small clinical benefits. EMS systems need to sharpen their focus on measuring healthcare disparities and ensuring that EMS care is delivered equitably to all populations in an EOA or other EMS service area. In this session, national EMS attorney Doug Wolfberg will look at the opportunities to incorporate critical measures of health equity into EMS system design, and the legal, clinical and ethical underpinnings of this imperative.

**9:15 am - 9:45 am**

### **Break with Exhibitors**

**9:45 am - 10:30 am**

### **Language Barriers in EMS**

Dustin Ballard, MD

EMS Medical Director, Marin County EMS Agency

Language barriers lead to limited provider-patient communication. In the prehospital care setting, efficient and accurate communication promotes safety, rapid initial assessments, and appropriate decision-making for patient care. Effective communication increases trust between the patient and the provider and thus increased patient satisfaction and quality of care. Dr. Ballard will provide strategies and tools to improve effective EMS patient-provider communications

**10:30 am - 11:30 pm**

### **Autistic Patients and the First Responder**

Paula Lafarge, RN, Los Angeles County Fire Department

As autism spectrum becomes more prevalent (an estimated 1 in 68 children), it is important that first responders are cognizant of this disorder to prevent breakdown in patient care, rapport and communication both with the individual and the caregivers. The speaker will review the features and symptoms of autism as well as provide practical advice for the prehospital care setting.

**11:30 am - 12:15 pm**

### **Changes, Challenges and Compliance in EMS Billing & Reimbursement**

Donna Hankins, Chair, CAA Payor Committee

One of the most challenging problems in EMS today actually occurs behind the scenes — ambulance billing and reimbursement. Join Donna Hankins, an expert in ambulance billing laws and reimbursement, to obtain a better understanding of what happens after the call is completed. Learn what current reimbursement concerns face ambulance transportation including changes in balance billing and rate approvals.

**12:15 pm - 1:15 pm**

### **Lunch “Aini” / Visiting Exhibitors**

**1:15 pm - 2:45 pm**

### **Islands of Research**

#### **Moderators:**

Karl Sporer, MD, Napa EMS Agency

Nichole Bosson, MD, LA EMS Agency

Organized by EMDAC, each year rave reviews are received for a panel of different researchers in the field of EMS who present data, trials or published papers keeping us abreast of the newest innovations and thinking backed by evidence-based foundations.

#### **1) Blood on the Streets: The Seattle Whole Blood Experience**

Catherine R. Counts, PhD, MHA

University of Washington and Seattle Fire

Dr. Counts will review the journey of Seattle Fire Department to implement a whole blood program. She will review the epidemiology of patients that have received whole blood and summarize ongoing analysis of the benefits to the trauma cohort using the Seattle Trauma Registry data.

#### **2) EMS Response to Persons Experiencing Homelessness (PEH): Strategies for Squalor and Tactics for Tent Medicine**

Tiffany Abramson, MD, Long Beach Fire Department

Stephen G. Sanko, MD, Los Angeles General Medical Center

In large and small cities alike, the economic fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic is exacerbating health inequities and increasing the number of patients experiencing homelessness. In the City of Los Angeles, PEH account for 0.5% of the population but 11% of EMS incidents and 15% of 911 transports. This lecture will describe the seminal work of two EMS Medical Directors working in ground zero of the homelessness crisis, and characterize both the number and nature of incidents, as well as the qualitative findings of interviews with EMS professionals and patients caught in the revolving door between the streets and the emergency department. Finally, the presenters will describe the results of a one-year collaboration with other community stakeholders to answer the question: What should radically patient-centered care for PEH look like?

#### **3) Emerging Role of Artificial Intelligence in EMS**

Jake Toy, MD

EMS Fellow, LA County EMS Agency

A growing body of literature exists describing the use of AI aimed to support dispatchers, EMS providers and ED-based

physicians. Dr. Toy will share his findings and applicability to the future of prehospital care.

**2:45 pm - 3:15 pm**  
**Break with Exhibitors**

**3:15 pm - 4:15 pm**  
**Are We Family “Ohana”? Case Studies and Lessons Learned on EMS-Law Enforcement Relationships**

Doug Wolfberg, Attorney

Recent cases where EMS practitioners and law enforcement personnel interacted and where bad outcome results have made headlines. In Illinois, two EMTs were charged with first degree murder after the positional asphyxia death of a patient. In Colorado, paramedics and law enforcement officers were charged with homicide after a patient died in custody following ketamine administration. Criminal charges and multiple employee terminations followed the death of an in-custody patient in Memphis. National EMS attorney Doug Wolfberg will use these and other cases to illustrate the imperative of inter-agency cooperation and, more importantly, inter-agency accountability between EMS and law enforcement.

**4:15 pm - 4:30 pm**  
**Day’s Wrap Up**

**5:00 pm - 6:30 pm**  
**Luau: President’s Reception**  
Exhibit Hall (light hors d’oeuvres)

## **DAY 2 - Thursday, May 30, 2024**

**8:00 am**  
**Visit Exhibitors**

Continental Breakfast in Exhibit Hall

**8:30 am - 9:00 am**  
**Welcome “E Komo Mai” & EMS Leadership Award**  
Nick Clay, EMSAAC President, Director,  
Santa Barbara County EMS Agency  
Jeff Fariss, Conference Chair,  
EMS Program Manager, Kern County EMS Agency

**9:00 am - 10:00 am**  
**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**  
**The EMS Profession - Challenges of Recruitment and Retention**  
Ashish R. Panchal, MD, PhD  
NREMT

Throughout the nation there are reports of EMS workforce challenges and the desperate need for trained and certified ambulance personnel to provide lifesaving care. With these universal struggles, do we understand these dynamic workforce changes, the fundamental causes, and how we can begin to improve? This national renowned speaker will provide insight based on his experience as the Research and Fellowship Director at the NREMT.

**10:00 am - 10:45 am**  
**Break with Exhibitors**

**10:45 am - 11:45 am**  
**Advances in 911 Response to Behavior Health and Substance Abuse Emergencies**

Erick H. Cheung, MD  
UCLA Resnick Neuropsychiatric Hospital

Through his leadership on the LA County EMS Commission, Dr. Cheung led a multi-year committee process to evaluate responses to patients suffering mental health and substance abuse disorders. He will share critical decision points, the extent of multi-agency responses, data collection on availability or lack of services, and recommended possible interventions.

**11:45 am - 1:00 pm**  
**Lunch “Aini” / Final Visit with Exhibitor**

**1:00 pm - 2:00 pm**  
**Preparing For & Staging Special Events**  
Michael Cabano,  
Others from Bay Area

Special events require pre-planning and pre-staging to ensure adequate first aid and emergency medical services. The Bay Area has experienced such large events as a Super Bowl, large concerts and Asian-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC). Hear from EMS and disaster specialists on defining risk assessments, developing overall coordination and communication, and safety of personnel involved, while not compromising day-to-day resources and operations.

**2:00 pm – 3:00 pm**  
**Burn MCI: Are We Ready “Makaukau”?**  
Jill Sproul, MS, RN, Santa Clara Valley Medical Center

A burn expert will discuss some of the prior burn mass casualty incidents in California as well focus on the 2023 Maui fires. Although not directly involved with the Maui response, she will be relaying information from those involved. In addition, she will discuss priorities of care and lessons learned from prior events and burn resources.

**3:00 pm – 3:15 pm**  
**Stretch Break**

**3:15 pm – 4:15 pm**  
**Hospital Evacuation Experience**  
Mara C. Bryant, MBA, White Memorial Hospital  
Representative, Los Angeles City Fire Department  
Isabel Sanchez, Los Angeles County EMS Agency

What happens when the lights go out at a hospital? Hear from hospital, fire department and EMS agency personnel about the challenges faced when critical patients had to be transferred out of a major medical center in Los Angeles due to a significant power outage. Speakers will recount their experiences during the incident as well as share the planning and coordination processes every hospital should have as part of their emergency preparedness plans and key lessons learned.

**4:15 pm**  
**Until We Meet Again “A Hui Hou”**  
Final Raffles & Wrap Up





## Keynote Speakers



**Doug Wolfberg, EMS Attorney** – Doug Wolfberg is a founding partner of Page, Wolfberg & Wirth, and one of the best known EMS attorneys and consultants in the United States. Widely regarded as the nation's leading EMS law firm, PWW represents private, public and non-profit EMS organizations, as well as billing companies, software manufacturers and others that serve the nation's ambulance industry. Doug answered his first ambulance call in 1978 and has been involved in EMS ever since. Doug became an EMT at age 16, and worked as an EMS provider in numerous volunteer and paid systems over the decades. Doug also served as an EMS educator and instructor for many years.

Doug is known as an engaging and humorous public speaker at EMS conferences throughout the United States. He is also a prolific author, having written books, articles and columns in many of the industry's leading publications, and has been interviewed by national media outlets including National Public Radio and the Wall Street Journal on EMS issues. Doug is a Certified Ambulance Coder (CAC) and a founder of the National Academy of Ambulance Coding (NAAC). Doug also served as a Commissioner of the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS).



**Ashish R. Panchel, MD, PhD** – Ashish R. Panchal, MD, PhD is a Professor of Emergency Medicine at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. Dr. Panchal is board certified in Emergency Medicine and Emergency Medical Services and is heavily involved in prehospital care as an EMS medical director and the Research and Fellowship Director for the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians. He serves as EMS Medical Director for Delaware County EMS and the Delaware County Dispatch Center as well as associate medical director for the Worthington Fire Department. Dr. Panchel is passionate about improving patient outcomes in the prehospital setting. His research focus areas include cardiac resuscitation, prehospital workforce and wellness.



## Faculty

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### **Jill Sproul, MS, RN**

Burn Care Specialist  
Burn Care Nurse &  
Former Burn Center Manager  
Santa Clara Valley Medical Center  
Santa Jose, California

### **Mike Taigman, MA, FAEMS**

Assistant Professor, UCSF  
Improvement Guide, First Watch  
San Leandro, California

### **Jake Toy, DO, MS**

EMS Fellow  
Los Angeles County EMS Agency  
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# CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

**May 29 & 30, 2024**  
**On Coronado Island**

**All registrations are taken ONLINE only at [emsaac.org](https://emsaac.org)**

Payments can be made by credit card, PayPal or through a PO or check. Confirmation and W-9 available on the website. Registration fees include all conference materials and food & beverage for breakfast and lunches.

CQI Pre-Conference (separate registration) <b>May 28, 11: am – 4:00 pm Limited seating</b>	\$150
Investigation Pre-Conference (separate registration) <b>May 28, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm Limited seating</b>	\$150
<b>EARLY Conference Registration</b> – if payment <b>received before midnight (MN) April 30</b> NOTE: The first 50 paid registrations will be entered into a raffle for a special door prize.	\$450
Late or onsite Registratiton – received after MN April 30	\$525
Conference Bundle – one pre-conference and conference registration – expires MN April 30. After April 30, individual prices apply at no reduced cost (\$675 total).	\$550
Virtual Registration – Zoom platform	\$350



During the conference, EMSAAC will be accepting donations for the Maui First Responders to assist Firefighters, Lifeguards and Emergency Medical Technicians directly impacted by the Maui wildfires. Over 20 affected first responders have lost their homes to the fire. The Fund will partner with Maui agencies to distribute the funds to first responders.

## Pre-Conferences May 28, 2024

### **11:00 am – 4:00 pm (light lunch included)** **Re-Engineering Your CQI Program**

- Kevin Mackey MD, Sacramento Fire & UCD
- Mike Taigman, Assistant Professor, UCSF
- Kris Mangano, EMS Coordinator, San Benito County EMS Agency

Last year's CQI pre-conference was a major success with both newcomers and seasoned veterans learning improvement science that is useful in designing and implementing meaningful quality improvement projects. In 2024, we are reshaping the course to a more case-based format cementing the key elements of a meaningful, well-designed improvement project. Some attendees from last year will be invited to present lessons learned and successes of projects that were launched since last year's course. Pre-reading will again be required. Attending with two or more members of your QI team will be the most effective investment of your time. Come ready to learn and ready to have fun!

### **11:00 am – 4:00 pm (light lunch included)** **How to Conduct EMS Investigations**

- Aaron Doyle, Prehospital Coordinator, Contra Costa EMS Agency
- Ben Keizer, Prehospital Coordinator, Contra Costa EMS Agency

There is no manual for when or how to conduct EMT disciplinary investigations. Whether you are from a Local EMS Agency or provider, this presentation will give an overview of the investigation process and the role of the provider, the LEMSA and even the EMS Authority if necessary. The presentation will cover how to: 1) conduct EMT and witness interviews, 2) gather information such as police reports, 3) prepare investigation reports, 4) process subsequent arrest notifications, and 5) report to the National Practitioner Data Bank and the Office of Inspector General. There will also be a discussion of when to move an investigation to a higher level and how to ensure the process can withstand scrutiny. All of this will be done using real examples of prior investigations as well as discussions of the attendees experiences.

Requires separate registration (see above)



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## MINUTES

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Vice-Chair Paul Rodriguez called meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

## 2. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 2.1 Committee Member Retirements (*Richard Tadeo*)

- The EMS Agency Director announced the retirements of Paul Rodriguez (EMS Commissioner) and Doug Zabalski (Area H Representative).
- The EMS Agency expressed great appreciation for their dedication to this Committee and the LA County EMS system. Certificates of Appreciation were presented.

### 2.2 Medical Director for Education and Innovation (*Richard Tadeo*)

EMS Agency Director announced the appointment of Dr. Shira Schlesinger, as the EMS Agency's Medical Director for Education and Innovation.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Zabilski / Voorhees)** October 18, 2023, minutes were approved as written.

## **4. REPORTS & UPDATES**

### **4.1 PediDose Trial (Nichole Bosson, MD)**

- Enrollments continue with over 250 participants enrolled.
- Providers are encouraged to continue identifying and enrolling those who are eligible. Reminder that enrollment needs to be completed within 7 days of patient contact.
- Paramedics enrolling patients into this Trial now have a chance to win 4 gift cards per entry per month, vs the previous 1 gift card per entry per month.
- Reminder to paramedics, please choose the correct Provider Impression when enrolling the pediatric seizure patients. Enrollments include patients who either fall under the Provider Impression of Seizure – Active (SEAC) or Seizure - Postictal (SEPI).

### **4.2 Pedi-PART (Trial) (Nichole Bosson, MD)**

- This Pediatric Prehospital Airway Resuscitation Trial compares bag-mask ventilation strategy followed by early transition to igel, for management of pediatric airway in the prehospital setting.
- Once the EMS Agency receives final approval from the State, the next step will be to send out surveys and post a webinar, informing the public and EMS community of this Trial; and allow for any feedback.
- Training will be incorporated into EMS Update 2024 and will require hands-on skills.
- Prior to implementation, providers must have at least 90% of their active paramedics complete the asynchronous module and at least 25% of the active paramedics must have completed the hands-on skills portion. Hands-on training completion date will be set for August 1, 2024.
- To assist with this Trial, the EMS Agency is seeking information on how providers store their cardiac monitor data. In mid-December a survey was sent to all public providers requesting this information. Providers are reminded to please complete this survey as soon as possible.

### **4.3 Research Initiatives and Pilot Studies (Nichole Bosson, MD)**

- ECMO – enrollment continues.
- Data Collaboratives
  - SRC – Recently published a research article regarding the ability to get STEMI patients to the cardiac catheterization lab during the COVID-19 pandemic, which was published in the American Journal of Cardiology.
  - Pediatric – recently launched this new Data Collaborative, with the goal of focusing on how to collaborate between agencies and other institutions to look at pediatric outcomes.

### **4.4 EMS Update 2023 / 2024 (Denise Whitfield, MD)**

- EMS Update 2023 is complete and included the training on administration of TXA and monitoring blood products.
- Topics for EMS Update 2024 include Pedi-PART (as discussed above), Medical Control Guideline: EMS and Law Enforcement Co-Response, and potentially Pedi-Dose phase 2. EMS Update committee will convene in January 2024.
- Proposed train-the-trainer dates are April 1<sup>st</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Completion date for EMS Update will be June 30, 2024.

### **4.5 ITAC Update (Denise Whitfield, MD)**

- Committee last met on November 6, 2023, and reviewed one device (Infant Transport Mattress Warmer) which is currently being used by Pasadena FD. After review, this Committee recommended item to be placed on the inventory lists as “Optional” equipment.

#### **4.6 EmergiPress (Denise Whitfield, MD)**

- Currently working on the next EmergiPress. Plan to be posted on the EMS Agency's webpage before the end of the year.
- Topics include ECG/Toxicology and TXA administration.

#### **4.7 California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Grants (Nichole Bosson, MD / Shira Schlesinger, MD)**

The EMS Agency received two grants from OTS to support initiatives in reducing injuries from pedestrian accidents and post-crash care.

##### **4.7.1 Mobile Application Grant**

- This grant is to build a mobile application that would provide access to all LA County treatment protocols and policies in real time and will include "just in time" treatment videos. The workgroup meets monthly for feedback and to assist with the development of this application. This is a 1-year grant which will end in October 2024.

##### **4.7.2 Curriculum Development on Injury Prevention and Post-Crash Care**

- The second grant is to support the Health Data Exchange use of data, to identify key metrics for our trauma care, particularly related to vehicular accidents and pedestrian accidents. The EMS Agency, in partnership with the Lundquist Institute, will convene a workgroup to drive the research in post-crash care and injury prevention; and develop an educational curriculum around these topics.
- The EMS Agency will be sending out invitations requesting participation in the workgroup to identify educational needs.

#### **4.8 Medication Cache (Denise Whitfield, MD)**

- Due to ongoing nationwide shortages of several medications and to better assist provider agencies during these shortages, the EMS Agency will be restructuring the current disaster warehouse medication cache, with a focus on the most critical medications.
- More information will be provided once this project is complete.
- Providers are encouraged to continue following the mitigation strategies described in Reference No. 701, Supply and Resupply of Designated EMS Provider Units/Vehicles, during medication shortages and prior to requesting EMS Agency assistance.

#### **4.9 EMS for Children Pediatric Readiness Assessment for Provider Agencies (Chris Clare)**

- Every few years the National Pediatric Readiness Program sends out a survey to all public providers, asking questions on the general care of the pediatric patient. The next survey will be sent out in early 2024 by the EMS Authority. The EMS Agency asks all public providers to participate.

### **5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There is no unfinished business.

### **6. NEW BUSINESS**

**The following policy was reviewed; Action Required:**

#### **6.1 Reference No. 420, Private Ambulance Operator Medical Director (David Wells)**

**The following policy was reviewed; No Action required:**

**6.4 Reference No. 1307.4, MCG: EMS and Law Enforcement Co-Response (Nichole Bosson, MD)**

- Policy reviewed as information only.
- After review, the policy was tabled. This Committee requested additional clarity of language from the taskforce. The next taskforce meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2024. Policy will return to this Committee on February 14, 2024.

**TABLED: Reference No. 1307.4, MCG: EMS and Law Enforcement Co-Response**

**7. OPEN DISCUSSION**

**7.1 Health Data Exchange (Richard Tadeo)**

- Based on the scoring of the Measure B Funding Advisory Board, the EMS Agency is confident this project will receive the needed funding that would enable the development of bi-directional software that would move prehospital data into a hospital's electronic patient care system. This would also allow providers to receive patient outcome data and patient financial data. Specific outcome data is still to be determined.
- Funding will be available for the fiscal year 2024-2025.
- Phases of this project will include LA County's trauma and base hospitals; all specialty hospitals; and then all other hospitals.
- Measure B funds will include the initial annual subscriptions for all EMS providers.
- The EMS Agency will be contacting providers once hospitals are on board.

**7.2 PEDI-Dose Preparation: Cardiac Monitor Survey (Nichole Bosson, MD)**

- Dr. Bosson thanked several providers for completing the cardiac monitor survey, which is needed for the preparation of the PEDI-Dose Trial. This survey was sent out to providers on December 12, 2023. A reminder will be sent after today's meeting.
- PEDI-Dose : Recognition given to Arcadia Fire Department for having 100% completion rate of the paramedic self-report; and eight other providers were recognized for completing the self-report more than 50% of the time. All other providers were encouraged to be diligent in completing the paramedic self-reports after each pediatric seizure response.

**8. NEXT MEETING – February 14, 2024**

**9. ADJOURNMENT - Meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.**



## MEDICAL CONTROL GUIDELINE: COLOR CODE DRUG DOSES



### PRINCIPLES:

1. Correct dosing of medications based on weight in kilograms is a safety concern for delivery of medications to children and adults in the prehospital setting.
2. To optimize safety in dosing medications for children and adults, a standard formulary has been created. This **Color Code Drug Doses** medical control guideline pre-calculates all doses based on kilogram weight for children and an adult dose including maximum dose is delineated.
3. EMS provider agencies shall procure medications and stock approved Assessment and ALS Units in accordance with the drug formulation specified in this medical control guideline.
4. The Color Code Drug Doses and the Treatment Protocols shall be used to determine drug doses.

### GUIDELINES:


1. EMS providers shall utilize a length-based resuscitation tape (i.e., Broselow™) to determine weight in kilograms and color code of children less than or equal to 14 years of age.
2. EMS providers shall use this guideline to determine dose of medication for children 3 to 36 kilograms. Documentation of dose will be in mgs and in mLs.
3. EMS providers contacting the base hospital shall report and document the appropriate color code and weight in kilograms utilizing a length-based resuscitation tape (i.e., Broselow™).
4. Base hospital personnel shall use this guideline to order dose of medication for children 3 to 36 kilograms; all doses will be given in mg and mLs.
5. Adult dosing will be used for children who are measured to be longer than the length-based resuscitation tape.

## DRUG FORMULATIONS:

MEDICATION	FORMULATION	DOSAGE	Maximum Single Dose
Adenosine	3mg/mL	0.1mg/kg Repeat dose 0.2mg/kg	12mg
Albuterol	2.5mg/3mL	2.5mg <4 years; 5mg ≥4 years	5mg
Albuterol MDI	90 mcg/puff	2 puffs <4 years; 4 puffs ≥4 years	360 mcg
Amiodarone	50mg/mL	5mg/kg	300mg
Atropine	0.1mg/mL	0.02mg/kg	1mg (adult) 0.5mg (pediatric)
Calcium Chloride (dilute 1:1 with NS if <1year)	100mg/mL	20mg/kg	1gm
Dextrose 10%	0.1gm/mL	5mL/kg*	250mL
≤24kg: Dextrose 10% in water, 5mL/kg IV/IO in 1mL/kg increments, reassess for clinical improvement after every 1mL/kg. Administer slow IVP. May repeat as needed, maximum total dose 5mL/kg. Recheck glucose prn after 3mL/kg infused >24 kg: Dextrose 10% in water, administer 125mL IVPB/IO and reassess, continue infusion as needed with maximum dose of 5mL/kg			
Diphenhydramine	50mg/mL	1mg/kg	50mg
DuoDote™ (Pralidoxime Chloride)	Auto injector	1 DuoDote™	3 DuoDotes™
Epinephrine ( <b>Push Dose</b> ) 0.1mg/mL IV	0.01mg/mL	0.1mL/kg every 1-5 mins	10mcg (1 mL)
Mix 9mL of normal saline with 1mL of epinephrine 0.1mg/mL (IV epi) in a 10mL syringe to create epinephrine 0.01mg/mL, administer 0.1mL/kg (up to 1 mL at a time) every 1-5 mins to maintain adequate SBP.			
Epinephrine 0.1mg/mL IV	0.1mg/mL	0.01mg/kg	1mg
Epinephrine 1mg/mL IM	1mg/mL	0.01mg/kg	0.5mg
Epinephrine 1mg/mL Nebulized (NEB)	1mg/mL	2.5mg <1 year; 5mg ≥1 year	5mg (5mL)
Fentanyl IV/IM	50mcg/mL	1mcg/kg	50mcg
Fentanyl IN	50mcg/mL	1.5mcg/kg	50mcg
Glucagon	1mg/mL	0.5 mg <1 year; 1mg ≥1 year	1mg
Glucopaste (4 years or older)	15gm	15gm	15gm
Ketorolac <b>slow IV/IO push</b>	15mg/mL	0.5mg/kg	15mg
Ketorolac <b>IM (Adult)</b>	15mg/mL	1mg/kg	30mg
Ketorolac <b>IM (Pediatric)</b>	15mg/mL	0.5mg/kg ≥4 years	15mg
Lidocaine 2% ( <b>IO ONLY</b> )	20mg/mL	0.5 mg/kg	40mg

MEDICATION	FORMULATION	DOSAGE	Maximum Single Dose
Midazolam Agitation/Sedation <b>IV/IO</b>	5mg/mL	0.1mg/kg	5mg
Midazolam Agitation/Sedation <b>IN/IM</b>	5mg/mL	0.2mg/kg	5mg
Midazolam Seizure 0-16 mo <b>IN/IM</b>	5mg/mL	0.2mg/kg	2.2mg
Midazolam Seizure ≥17mo <b>IN/IM</b>	5mg/mL	PediDOSE* 17months-5 years: 2.5mg 6-11 years: 5mg ≥12 years: 10mg	2.5mg, 5mg, or 10mg depending on age
Morphine Sulfate <b>IV/IM/IO</b>	4mg/mL	0.1mg/kg	4mg
Naloxone	1mg/mL	0.1mg/kg	2mg
Normal Saline	0.9% Na Cl	20mL/kg	1L
Nitroglycerin SL (adults only)	0.4mg	0.4mg	1.2mg
Olanzapine ODT	10mg	10mg	10mg
Ondansetron ODT/IV/IM	4mg tab or (4 years or older ODT only) 2mg/mL IV/IM (adults only)	4mg	4mg
Sodium Bicarbonate IV (dilute 1:1 with NS if <1year)	1mEq/mL	1mEq/kg	50mEq
Tranexamic Acid (TXA)	1gm/10mL	1gm/10mL	1gm in 50 or 100mL infused over 10 minutes

**\*PediDOSE Midazolam IN/IM only - dosing chart for treatment of seizures**

Age	0-16 months	17 months – 5 years	6-11 years	≥12 years
Midazolam Dose IN/IM	0.2mg/kg	2.5 mg	5 mg	10 mg
Volume IN/IM	See color code	0.5 mL	1mL	2mL
If age unknown				

## COLOR CODE DRUG DOSES:

3 Kg	Length 47 – 59.5 cm			Less than 3 months		
	Normal Vital Signs:		Heart Rate: 100-180	Respirations: 30-60		Systolic BP: >60
	Cardioversion:		3 joules	6 joules		6 joules
	Defibrillation:		6 joules	12 joules		12 joules
	Supraglottic Airway:		igel	Size 1	No gastric suction catheter	
	Medication	Dose	mLs	Medication	Dose	mLs
	Adenosine	0.3mg	0.1mL	Fentanyl IV/IM	3mcg	0.06mL
	Albuterol NEB	2.5mg	3mL	Fentanyl IN	4.5mcg	0.09mL
	Amiodarone	15mg	0.3mL	Glucagon IM	0.5mg	0.5mL
	Atropine	0.06mg	0.6mL	Lidocaine 2% IO	1.5mg	0.08mL
	Calcium Chloride*	60mg	0.6mL	Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IV/IO	0.3mg	0.06mL
	Dextrose 10% slow IV	15mL	15mL	Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IN/IM	0.6mg	0.12mL
Diphenhydramine IV/IM	3mg	0.06mL	Midazolam Seizure 0-16mo IN/IM	0.6mg	0.12mL	
DuoDote™	1 dose	NA	Morphine IV/IM/IO	0.3mg	0.08mL	
Epinephrine Push Dose	3mcg	0.3mL	Naloxone IV/IM/IN	0.3mg	0.3mL	
Epinephrine 0.1mg/mL IV	0.03mg	0.3mL	Normal Saline IV Bolus	60mL	60mL	
Epinephrine 1mg/mL IM	0.03mg	0.03mL	Sodium Bicarbonate*	3mEq	3mL	
Epinephrine 1mg/mL NEB	2.5mg	2.5mL	*Dilute 1:1 with NS			
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4 Kg	Length 47 – 59.5 cm			Less than 3 months		
	Normal Vital Signs:	Heart Rate: 100-180		Respirations: 30-60		Systolic BP: >60
	Cardioversion:	4 joules		8 joules		8 joules
	Defibrillation:	8 joules		16 joules		16 joules
	Supraglottic Airway:	igel	Size 1	No gastric suction catheter		
	Medication	Dose	mLs	Medication	Dose	mLs
	Adenosine	0.4mg	0.13mL	Fentanyl IV/IM	4mcg	0.08mL
	Albuterol NEB	2.5mg	3mL	Fentanyl IN	6mcg	0.12mL
	Amiodarone	20mg	0.4mL	Glucagon IM	0.5mg	0.5mL
	Atropine	0.08mg	0.8mL	Lidocaine 2% IO	2mg	0.1mL
	Calcium Chloride*	80mg	0.8mL	Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IV/IO	0.4mg	0.08mL
	Dextrose 10% slow IV	20mL	20mL	Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IN/IM	0.8mg	0.16mL
Diphenhydramine IV/IM	4mg	0.08mL	Midazolam Seizure 0-16mo IN/IM	0.8mg	0.16mL	
DuoDote™	1 dose	NA	Morphine IV/IM/IO	0.4mg	0.1mL	
Epinephrine Push Dose	4mcg	0.4mL	Naloxone IV/IM/IN	0.4mg	0.4mL	
Epinephrine 0.1mg/mL IV	0.04mg	0.4mL	Normal Saline IV Bolus	80mL	80mL	
Epinephrine 1mg/mL IM	0.04mg	0.04mL	Sodium Bicarbonate*	4mEq	4mL	
Epinephrine 1mg/mL NEB	2.5mg	2.5mL	*Dilute 1:1 with NS			
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5Kg	Length 47 – 59.5 cm			Less than 3 months		
	Normal Vital Signs:		Heart Rate: 100-180	Normal Vital Signs:		Heart Rate: 100-180
	Cardioversion:		5 joules	10 joules		10 joules
	Defibrillation:		10 joules	20 joules		20 joules
	Supraglottic Airway:		igel Size 1	No gastric suction catheter		
	Medication	Dose	mLs	Medication	Dose	mLs
	Adenosine	0.5mg	0.17mL	Fentanyl IV/IM	5mcg	0.1mL
	Albuterol NEB	2.5mg	3mL	Fentanyl IN	7.5mcg	0.15mL
	Amiodarone	25mg	0.5mL	Glucagon IM	0.5mg	0.5mL
	Atropine	0.1mg	1mL	Lidocaine 2% IO	2.5mg	0.12mL
Calcium Chloride*	100mg	1mL	Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IV/IO	0.5mg	0.1mL	
Dextrose 10% slow IV	25mL	25mL	Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IN/IM	1mg	0.2mL	
Diphenhydramine IV/IM	5mg	0.1mL	Midazolam Seizure 0-16mo IN/IM	1mg	0.2mL	
DuoDote™	1 dose	NA	Morphine IV/IM/IO	0.5mg	0.12mL	
Epinephrine Push Dose	5mcg	0.5mL	Naloxone IV/IM/IN	0.5mg	0.5mL	
Epinephrine 0.1mg/mL IV	0.05mg	0.5mL	Normal Saline IV Bolus	100mL	100mL	
Epinephrine 1mg/mL IM	0.05mg	0.05mL	Sodium Bicarbonate*	5mEq	5mL	
Epinephrine 1mg/mL NEB	2.5mg	2.5mL	*Dilute 1:1 with NS			

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\*Dilute 1:1 with NS

6 Kg	Length 59.5 – 62 cm			3 – 4 months				
	Normal Vital Signs:		Heart Rate: 100-160	Respirations: 25-40		Systolic BP: >70		
	Cardioversion:		6 joules	12 joules		12 joules		
	Defibrillation:		12 joules	24 joules		24 joules		
	Supraglottic Airway:		igel	Size 1.5	10 F gastric suction catheter			
	Medication		Dose	mLs	Medication		Dose	mLs
	Adenosine		0.6mg	0.2mL	Fentanyl IV/IM		6mcg	0.12mL
	Albuterol NEB		2.5mg	3mL	Fentanyl IN		9mcg	0.18mL
	Amiodarone		30mg	0.6mL	Glucagon IM		0.5mg	0.5mL
	Atropine		0.12mg	1.2mL	Lidocaine 2% IO		3mg	0.15mL
	Calcium Chloride*		120mg	1.2mL	Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IV/IO		0.6mg	0.12mL
	Dextrose 10% slow IV		30mL	30mL	Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IN/IM		1.2mg	0.24mL
	Diphenhydramine IV/IM		6mg	0.12mL	Midazolam Seizure 0-16mo IN/IM		1.2mg	0.24mL
DuoDote™		1 dose	NA	Morphine IV/IM/IO		0.6mg	0.15mL	
Epinephrine Push Dose		6mcg	0.6mL	Naloxone IV/IM/IN		0.6mg	0.6mL	
Epinephrine 0.1mg/mL IV		0.06mg	0.6mL	Normal Saline IV Bolus		120mL	120mL	
Epinephrine 1mg/mL IM		0.06mg	0.06mL	Sodium Bicarbonate*		6mEq	6mL	
Epinephrine 1mg/mL NEB		2.5mg	2.5mL			*Dilute 1:1 with NS		
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7 Kg	Length 62 – 66 cm			5 – 6 months				
	Normal Vital Signs:		Heart Rate: 100-160	Respirations: 25-40		Systolic BP: >70		
	Cardioversion:		7 joules	14 joules		14 joules		
	Defibrillation:		14 joules	28 joules		28 joules		
	Supraglottic Airway:		igel	Size 1.5	10 F gastric suction catheter			
	Medication		Dose	mLs	Medication		Dose	mLs
	Adenosine		0.7mg	0.23mL	Fentanyl IV/IM		7mcg	0.14mL
	Albuterol NEB		2.5mg	3mL	Fentanyl IN		10.5mcg	0.21mL
	Amiodarone		35mg	0.7mL	Glucagon IM		0.5mg	0.5mL
	Atropine		0.14mg	1.4mL	Lidocaine 2% IO		3.5mg	0.18mL
	Calcium Chloride*		140mg	1.4mL	Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IV/IO		0.7mg	0.14mL
	Dextrose 10% slow IV		35mL	35mL	Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IN/IM		1.4mg	0.28mL
	Diphenhydramine IV/IM		7mg	0.14mL	Midazolam Seizure 0-16mo IN/IM		1.4mg	0.28mL
DuoDote™		1 dose	NA	Morphine IV/IM/IO		0.7mg	0.18mL	
Epinephrine Push Dose		7mcg	0.7mL	Naloxone IV/IM/IN		0.7mg	0.7mL	
Epinephrine 0.1mg/mL IV		0.07mg	0.7mL	Normal Saline IV Bolus		140mL	140mL	
Epinephrine 1mg/mL IM		0.07mg	0.07mL	Sodium Bicarbonate*		7mEq	7mL	
Epinephrine 1mg/mL NEB		2.5mg	2.5mL			*Dilute 1:1 with NS		
		PINK						

8 Kg	Length 66 – 69.5 cm			7 - 8 months			RED
	Normal Vital Signs:		Heart Rate: 100-160	Respirations: 20-40		Systolic BP: >70	
	Cardioversion:		8 joules	16 joules		16 joules	
	Defibrillation:		16 joules	32 joules		32 joules	
	Supraglottic Airway:		igel	Size 1.5	10 F gastric suction catheter		
	Medication	Dose	mLs	Medication	Dose	mLs	
	Adenosine	0.8mg	0.27mL	Fentanyl IV/IM	8mcg	0.16mL	
	Albuterol NEB	2.5mg	3mL	Fentanyl IN	12mcg	0.24mL	
	Amiodarone	40mg	0.8mL	Glucagon IM	0.5mg	0.5mL	
	Atropine	0.16mg	1.6mL	Lidocaine 2% IO	4mg	0.2mL	
	Calcium Chloride*	160mg	1.6mL	Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IV/IO	0.8mg	0.16mL	
	Dextrose 10% slow IV	40mL	40mL	Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IN/IM	1.6mg	0.32mL	
	Diphenhydramine IV/IM	8mg	0.16mL	Midazolam Seizure 0-16mo IN/IM	1.6mg	0.32mL	
DuoDote™	1 dose	NA	Morphine IV/IM/IO	0.8mg	0.2mL		
Epinephrine Push Dose	8mcg	0.8mL	Naloxone IV/IM/IN	0.8mg	0.8mL		
Epinephrine 0.1mg/mL IV	0.08mg	0.8mL	Normal Saline IV Bolus	160mL	160mL		
Epinephrine 1mg/mL IM	0.08mg	0.08mL	Sodium Bicarbonate*	8mEq	8mL		
Epinephrine 1mg/mL NEB	2.5mg	2.5mL	*Dilute 1:1 with NS				

9 Kg	Length 69 – 73 cm			9 – 10 months		
	Normal Vital Signs:		Heart Rate: 100-160	Respirations: 20-40	Systolic BP: >70	
	Cardioversion:		9 joules	18 joules	18 joules	
	Defibrillation:		18 joules	36 joules	36 joules	
	Supraglottic Airway:		igel	Size 1.5	10 F gastric suction catheter	
	Medication	Dose	mLs	Medication	Dose	mLs
	Adenosine	0.9mg	0.3mL	Fentanyl IV/IM	9mcg	0.18mL
	Albuterol NEB	2.5mg	3mL	Fentanyl IN	13.5mcg	0.27mL
	Amiodarone	45mg	0.9mL	Glucagon IM	0.5mg	0.5mL
	Atropine	0.18mg	1.8mL	Lidocaine 2% IO	4.5mg	0.22mL
Calcium Chloride*	180mg	1.8mL	Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IV/IO	0.9mg	0.18mL	
Dextrose 10% slow IV	45mL	45mL	Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IN/IM	1.8mg	0.36mL	
Diphenhydramine IV/IM	9mg	0.18mL	Midazolam Seizure 0-16mo IN/IM	1.8mg	0.36mL	
DuoDote™	1 dose	NA	Morphine IV/IM/IO	0.9mg	0.22mL	
Epinephrine Push Dose	9mcg	0.9mL	Naloxone IV/IM/IN	0.9mg	0.9mL	
Epinephrine 0.1mg/mL IV	0.09mg	0.9mL	Normal Saline IV Bolus	180mL	180mL	
Epinephrine 1mg/mL IM	0.09mg	0.09mL	Sodium Bicarbonate*	9mEq	9mL	
Epinephrine 1mg/mL NEB	2.5mg	2.5mL	*Dilute 1:1 with NS			



10 Kg	Length 73 – 78 cm			11 – 14 months		
	Normal Vital Signs:		Heart Rate: 90-140	Respirations: 24-40		Systolic BP: >70
	Cardioversion:		10 joules	20 joules		20 joules
	Defibrillation:		20 joules	40 joules		40 joules
	Supraglottic Airway:		igel	Size 1.5	10 F gastric suction catheter	
	Medication	Dose	mLs	Medication	Dose	mLs
	Adenosine	1mg	0.33mL	Fentanyl IV/IM	10mcg	0.2mL
	Albuterol NEB	2.5mg	3mL	Fentanyl IN	15mcg	0.3mL
	Amiodarone	50mg	1mL	Glucagon IM	1mg	1mL
	Atropine	0.2mg	2mL	Lidocaine 2% IO	5mg	0.25mL
Calcium Chloride	200mg	2mL	Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IV/IO	1mg	0.2mL	
Dextrose 10% slow IV	50mL	50mL	Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IN/IM	2mg	0.4mL	
Diphenhydramine IV/IM	10mg	0.2mL	Midazolam Seizure 0-16mo IN/IM	2mg	0.4mL	
DuoDote™	1 dose	NA	Midazolam Seizure ≥17mo IN/IM	PediDOSE	-	
Epinephrine Push Dose	10mcg	1mL	Morphine IV/IM/IO	1mg	0.25mL	
Epinephrine 0.1mg/mL IV	0.1mg	1mL	Naloxone IV/IM/IN	1mg	1mL	
Epinephrine 1mg/mL IM	0.1mg	0.1mL	Normal Saline IV Bolus	200mL	200mL	
Epinephrine 1mg/mL NEB	5mg	5mL	Sodium Bicarbonate*	10mEq	10mL	

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11 Kg	Length 78 – 83 cm			15 – 18 months			PURPLE
	Normal Vital Signs:		Heart Rate: 90-140	Respirations: 24-40		Systolic BP: >70	
	Cardioversion:		11 joules	22 joules		22 joules	
	Defibrillation:		22 joules	44 joules		44 joules	
	Supraglottic Airway:		igel	Size 1.5	10 F gastric suction catheter		
	Medication	Dose	mLs	Medication	Dose	mLs	
	Adenosine	1.1mg	0.37mL	Fentanyl IV/IM	11mcg	0.22mL	
	Albuterol NEB	2.5mg	3mL	Fentanyl IN	16.5mcg	0.33mL	
	Amiodarone	55mg	1.1mL	Glucagon IM	1mg	1mL	
	Atropine	0.22mg	2.2mL	Lidocaine 2% IO	5.5mg	0.28mL	
	Calcium Chloride	220mg	2.2mL	Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IV/IO	1.1mg	0.22mL	
	Dextrose 10% slow IV	55mL	55mL	Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IN/IM	2.2mg	0.44mL	
Diphenhydramine IV/IM	11mg	0.22mL	Midazolam Seizure 0-16mo IN/IM	2.2mg	0.44mL		
DuoDote™	1 dose	NA	Midazolam Seizure ≥17mo IN/IM	PediDOSE	-		
Epinephrine Push Dose	10mcg	1mL	Morphine IV/IM/IO	1.1mg	0.28mL		
Epinephrine 0.1mg/mL IV	0.11mg	1.1mL	Naloxone IV/IM/IN	1.1mg	1.1mL		
Epinephrine 1mg/mL IM	0.11mg	0.11mL	Normal Saline IV Bolus	220mL	220mL		
Epinephrine 1mg/mL NEB	5mg	5mL	Sodium Bicarbonate	11mEq	11mL		

12 Kg	Length 83 – 94.5 cm			19 -35 months				
	Normal Vital Signs:		Heart Rate: 90-140	Respirations: 20-30		Systolic BP: >70		
	Cardioversion:		12 joules	24 joules		24 joules		
	Defibrillation:		24 joules	48 joules		48 joules		
	Supraglottic Airway:		igel	Size 2	12 F gastric suction catheter			
	Medication		Dose	mLs	Medication		Dose	mLs
	Adenosine		1.2mg	0.4mL	Fentanyl IV/IM		12mcg	0.24mL
	Albuterol NEB		2.5mg	3mL	Fentanyl IN		18mcg	0.36mL
	Amiodarone		60mg	1.2mL	Glucagon IM		1mg	1mL
	Atropine		0.24mg	2.4mL	Lidocaine 2% IO		6mg	0.3mL
	Calcium Chloride		240mg	2.4mL	Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IV/IO		1.2mg	0.24mL
	Dextrose 10% slow IV		60mL	60mL	Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IN/IM		2.4mg	0.48mL
	Diphenhydramine IV/IM		12mg	0.24mL	Midazolam Seizure ≥17mo IN/IM		PediDose	-
DuoDote™		1 dose	NA	Morphine IV/IM/IO		1.2mg	0.3mL	
Epinephrine Push Dose		10mcg	1mL	Naloxone IV/IM/IN		1.2mg	1.2mL	
Epinephrine 0.1mg/mL IV		0.12mg	1.2mL	Normal Saline IV Bolus		240mL	240mL	
Epinephrine 1mg/mL IM		0.12mg	0.12mL	Sodium Bicarbonate		12mEq	12mL	
Epinephrine 1mg/mL NEB		5mg	5mL					
YELLOW								

13 Kg	Length 83 – 94.5 cm			19 -35 months			YELLOW
	Normal Vital Signs:		Heart Rate: 90-140	Respirations: 20-30	Systolic BP: >70		
	Cardioversion:		13 joules	26 joules	26 joules		
	Defibrillation:		26 joules	52 joules	52 joules		
	Supraglottic Airway:		igel	Size 2	12 F gastric suction catheter		
	Medication	Dose	mLs	Medication	Dose	mLs	
	Adenosine	1.3mg	0.43mL	Fentanyl IV/IM	13mcg	0.26mL	
	Albuterol NEB	2.5mg	3mL	Fentanyl IN	19.5mcg	0.39mL	
	Amiodarone	65mg	1.3mL	Glucagon IM	1mg	1mL	
	Atropine	0.26mg	2.6mL	Lidocaine 2% IO	6.5mg	0.32mL	
	Calcium Chloride	260mg	2.6mL	Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IV/IO	1.3mg	0.26mL	
	Dextrose 10% slow IV	65mL	65mL	Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IN/IM	2.6mg	0.52mL	
Diphenhydramine IV/IM	13mg	0.26mL	Midazolam Seizure ≥17mo IN/IM	PediDose	-		
DuoDote™	1 dose	NA	Morphine IV/IM/IO	1.3mg	0.32mL		
Epinephrine Push Dose	10mcg	1mL	Naloxone IV/IM/IN	1.3mg	1.3mL		
Epinephrine 0.1mg/mL IV	0.13mg	1.3mL	Normal Saline IV Bolus	260mL	260mL		
Epinephrine 1mg/mL IM	0.13mg	0.13mL	Sodium Bicarbonate	13mEq	13mL		
Epinephrine 1mg/mL NEB	5mg	5mL					

14 Kg	Length 83 – 94.5 cm			19 -35 months				
	Normal Vital Signs:		Heart Rate: 90-140	Respirations: 20-30		Systolic BP: >70		
	Cardioversion:		14 joules	28 joules		28 joules		
	Defibrillation:		28 joules	56 joules		56 joules		
	Supraglottic Airway:		igel	Size 2	12 F gastric suction catheter			
	Medication		Dose	mLs	Medication		Dose	mLs
	Adenosine		1.4mg	0.47mL	Fentanyl IV/IM		14mcg	0.28mL
	Albuterol NEB		2.5mg	3mL	Fentanyl IN		21mcg	0.42mL
	Amiodarone		70mg	1.4mL	Glucagon IM		1mg	1mL
	Atropine		0.28mg	2.8mL	Lidocaine 2% IO		7mg	0.35mL
	Calcium Chloride		280mg	2.8mL	Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IV/IO		1.4mg	0.28mL
	Dextrose 10% slow IV		70mL	70mL	Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IN/IM		2.8mg	0.56mL
	Diphenhydramine IV/IM		14mg	0.28mL	Midazolam Seizure ≥17mo IN/IM		PediDose	-
DuoDote™		1 dose	NA	Morphine IV/IM/IO		1.4mg	0.35mL	
Epinephrine Push Dose		10mcg	1mL	Naloxone IV/IM/IN		1.4mg	1.4mL	
Epinephrine 0.1mg/mL IV		0.14mg	1.4mL	Normal Saline IV Bolus		280mL	280mL	
Epinephrine 1mg/mL IM		0.14mg	0.14mL	Sodium Bicarbonate		14mEq	14mL	
Epinephrine 1mg/mL NEB		5mg	5mL					

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15 Kg	Length 94.5 – 107 cm			3 – 4 years			
	Normal Vital Signs:		Heart Rate: 80-130	Respirations: 20-30	Systolic BP: >75		
	Cardioversion:		15 joules	30 joules	30 joules		
	Defibrillation:		30 joules	60 joules	60 joules		
	Supraglottic Airway:		igel	Size 2	12 F gastric suction catheter		
	Medication		Dose	mLs	Medication	Dose	mLs
	Adenosine		1.5mg	0.5mL	Glucagon IM	1mg	1mL
	Albuterol NEB		2.5mg	3mL	Glucopaste*	15gm	1 dose
	Amiodarone		75mg	1.5mL	Ketorolac slow IV/IO*	7.5mg	0.5mL
	Atropine		0.3mg	3mL	Ketorolac IM*	7.5mg	0.5mL
	Calcium Chloride		300mg	3mL	Lidocaine 2% IO	7.5mg	0.38mL
	Dextrose 10% slow IV		75mL	75mL	Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IV/IO	1.5mg	0.3mL
	Diphenhydramine IV/IM		15mg	0.3mL	Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IN/IM	3mg	0.6mL
	DuoDote™		1 dose	NA	Midazolam Seizure ≥17mo IN/IM	PediDose	-
	Epinephrine Push Dose		10mcg	1mL	Morphine IV/IM/IO	1.5mg	0.38mL
Epinephrine 0.1mg/mL IV		0.15mg	1.5mL	Naloxone IV/IM/IN	1.5mg	1.5mL	
Epinephrine 1mg/mL IM		0.15mg	0.15mL	Normal Saline IV Bolus	300mL	300mL	
Epinephrine 1mg/mL NEB		5mg	5mL	Ondansetron ODT*	4mg	1 tablet	
Fentanyl IV/IM		15mcg	0.3mL	Sodium Bicarbonate	15mEq	15mL	
Fentanyl IN		22.5mcg	0.45mL	*4 years or older			
WHITE							

16 Kg	Length 94.5 – 107 cm			3 – 4 years			
	Normal Vital Signs:		Heart Rate: 80-130	Respirations: 20-30	Systolic BP: >75		
	Cardioversion:		16 joules	32 joules	32 joules		
	Defibrillation:		32 joules	64 joules	64 joules		
	Supraglottic Airway:		igel	Size 2	12 F gastric suction catheter		
	Medication		Dose	mLs	Medication	Dose	mLs
	Adenosine		1.6mg	0.53mL	Glucagon IM	1mg	1mL
	Albuterol NEB		2.5mg	3mL	Glucopaste*	15gm	1 dose
	Amiodarone		80mg	1.6mL	Ketorolac slow IV/IO*	8mg	0.53mL
	Atropine		0.32mg	3.2mL	Ketorolac IM*	8mg	0.53mL
	Calcium Chloride		320mg	3.2mL	Lidocaine 2% IO	8mg	0.4mL
	Dextrose 10% slow IV		80mL	80mL	Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IV/IO	1.6mg	0.32mL
	Diphenhydramine IV/IM		16mg	0.32mL	Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IN/IM	3.2mg	0.64mL
	DuoDote™		1 dose	NA	Midazolam Seizure ≥17mo IN/IM	PediDose	-
	Epinephrine Push Dose		10mcg	1mL	Morphine IV/IM/IO	1.6mg	0.4mL
Epinephrine 0.1mg/mL IV		0.16mg	1.6mL	Naloxone IV/IM/IN	1.6mg	1.6mL	
Epinephrine 1mg/mL IM		0.16mg	0.16mL	Normal Saline IV Bolus	320mL	320mL	
Epinephrine 1mg/mL NEB		5mg	5mL	Ondansetron ODT*	4mg	1 tablet	
Fentanyl IV/IM		16mcg	0.32mL	Sodium Bicarbonate	16mEq	16mL	
Fentanyl IN		24mcg	0.48mL	*4 years or older			
WHITE							

17 Kg	Length 94.5 – 107 cm			3 – 4 years		
	Normal Vital Signs:		Heart Rate: 80-130	Respirations: 20-30	Systolic BP: >75	
	Cardioversion:		17 joules	34 joules	34 joules	
	Defibrillation:		34 joules	68 joules	68 joules	
	Supraglottic Airway:		igel	Size 2	12 F gastric suction catheter	
	Medication		Dose	mLs	Medication	
	Adenosine		1.7mg	0.57mL	Glucagon IM	
	Albuterol NEB		2.5mg	3mL	Glucopaste*	
	Amiodarone		85mg	1.7mL	Ketorolac slow IV/IO*	
	Atropine		0.34mg	3.4mL	Ketorolac IM*	
	Calcium Chloride		340mg	3.4mL	Lidocaine 2% IO	
	Dextrose 10% slow IV		85mL	85mL	Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IV/IO	
	Diphenhydramine IV/IM		17mg	0.34mL	Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IN/IM	
	DuoDote™		1 dose	NA	Midazolam Seizure ≥17mo IN/IM	
	Epinephrine Push Dose		10mcg	1mL	Morphine IV/IM/IO	
Epinephrine 0.1mg/mL IV		0.17mg	1.7mL	Naloxone IV/IM/IN		
Epinephrine 1mg/mL IM		0.17mg	0.17mL	Normal Saline IV Bolus		
Epinephrine 1mg/mL NEB		5mg	5mL	Ondansetron ODT*		
Fentanyl IV/IM		17mcg	0.34mL	Sodium Bicarbonate		
Fentanyl IN		25.5mcg	0.51mL			
*4 years or older						
WHITE						

18 Kg	Length 94.5 – 107 cm			3 – 4 years			
	Normal Vital Signs:		Heart Rate: 80-130	Respirations: 20-30	Systolic BP: >75		
	Cardioversion:		18 joules	36 joules	36 joules		
	Defibrillation:		36 joules	72 joules	72 joules		
	Supraglottic Airway:		igel	Size 2	12 F gastric suction catheter		
	Medication		Dose	mLs	Medication	Dose	mLs
	Adenosine		1.8mg	0.6mL	Glucagon IM	1mg	1mL
	Albuterol NEB		2.5mg	3mL	Glucopaste*	15gm	1 dose
	Amiodarone		90mg	1.8mL	Ketorolac slow IV/IO*	9mg	0.6mL
	Atropine		0.36mg	3.6mL	Ketorolac IM*	9mg	0.6mL
	Calcium Chloride		360mg	3.6mL	Lidocaine 2% IO	9mg	0.45mL
	Dextrose 10% slow IV		90mL	90mL	Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IV/IO	1.8mg	0.36mL
	Diphenhydramine IV/IM		18mg	0.36mL	Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IN/IM	3.6mg	0.72mL
	DuoDote™		1 dose	NA	Midazolam Seizure ≥17mo IN/IM	PediDose	-
	Epinephrine Push Dose		10mcg	1mL	Morphine IV/IM/IO	1.8mg	0.45mL
	Epinephrine 0.1mg/mL IV		0.18mg	1.8mL	Naloxone IV/IM/IN	1.8mg	1.8mL
Epinephrine 1mg/mL IM		0.18mg	0.18mL	Normal Saline IV Bolus	360mL	360mL	
Epinephrine 1mg/mL NEB		5mg	5mL	Ondansetron ODT*	4mg	1 tablet	
Fentanyl IV/IM		18mcg	0.36mL	Sodium Bicarbonate	18mEq	18mL	
Fentanyl IN		27mcg	0.54mL	*4 years or older			

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19 Kg	Length 107 – 119.5 cm			5 – 6 years			BLUE
	Normal Vital Signs:		Heart Rate: 70-120	Respirations: 15-30		Systolic BP: >80	
	Cardioversion:		19 joules	38 joules		38 joules	
	Defibrillation:		38 joules	76 joules		76 joules	
	Supraglottic Airway:		igel	Size 2	12 F gastric suction catheter		
	Medication	Dose	mLs	Medication	Dose	mLs	
	Adenosine	1.9mg	0.63mL	Glucagon IM	1mg	1mL	
	Albuterol NEB	5mg	6mL	Glucopaste	15gm	1 dose	
	Amiodarone	95mg	1.9mL	Ketorolac slow IV/IO	9.5mg	0.63mL	
	Atropine	0.38mg	3.8mL	Ketorolac IM	9.5mg	0.63mL	
	Calcium Chloride	380mg	3.8mL	Lidocaine 2% IO	9.5mg	0.48mL	
	Dextrose 10% slow IV	95mL	95mL	Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IV/IO	1.9mg	0.38mL	
	Diphenhydramine IV/IM	19mg	0.38mL	Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IN/IM	3.8mg	0.76mL	
DuoDote™	1 dose	NA	Midazolam Seizure ≥17mo IN/IM	PediDose	-		
Epinephrine Push Dose	10mcg	1mL	Morphine IV/IM/IO	1.9mg	0.48mL		
Epinephrine 0.1mg/mL IV	0.19mg	1.9mL	Naloxone IV/IM/IN	1.9mg	1.9mL		
Epinephrine 1mg/mL IM	0.19mg	0.19mL	Normal Saline IV Bolus	380mL	380mL		
Epinephrine 1mg/mL NEB	5mg	5mL	Ondansetron ODT	4mg	1 tablet		
Fentanyl IV/IM	19mcg	0.38mL	Sodium Bicarbonate	19mEq	19mL		
Fentanyl IN	28.5mcg	0.57mL					

20 Kg	Length 107 – 119.5 cm			5 – 6 years			BLUE		
	Normal Vital Signs:		Heart Rate: 70-120	Respirations: 15-30		Systolic BP: >80			
	Cardioversion:		20 joules	40 joules		40 joules			
	Defibrillation:		40 joules	80 joules		80 joules			
	Supraglottic Airway:		igel	Size 2	12 F gastric suction catheter				
	Medication		Dose	mLs	Medication			Dose	mLs
	Adenosine		2mg	0.67mL	Glucagon IM			1mg	1mL
	Albuterol NEB		5mg	6mL	Glucopaste			15gm	1 dose
	Amiodarone		100mg	2mL	Ketorolac slow IV/IO			10mg	0.67mL
	Atropine		0.4mg	4mL	Ketorolac IM			10mg	0.67mL
	Calcium Chloride		400mg	4mL	Lidocaine 2% IO			10mg	0.5mL
	Dextrose 10% slow IV		100mL	100mL	Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IV/IO			2mg	0.4mL
	Diphenhydramine IV/IM		20mg	0.4mL	Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IN/IM			4mg	0.8mL
DuoDote™		1 dose	NA	Midazolam Seizure ≥17mo IN/IM		PediDose	-		
Epinephrine Push Dose		10mcg	1mL	Morphine IV/IM/IO		2mg	0.5mL		
Epinephrine 0.1mg/mL IV		0.2mg	2mL	Naloxone IV/IM/IN		2mg	2mL		
Epinephrine 1mg/mL IM		0.2mg	0.2mL	Normal Saline IV Bolus		400mL	400mL		
Epinephrine 1mg/mL NEB		5mg	5mL	Ondansetron ODT		4mg	1 tablet		
Fentanyl IV/IM		20mcg	0.4mL	Sodium Bicarbonate		20mEq	20mL		
Fentanyl IN		30mcg	0.6mL						

22 Kg	Length 107 – 119.5 cm			5 – 6 years		
	Normal Vital Signs:		Heart Rate: 70-120	Respirations: 15-30		Systolic BP: >80
	Cardioversion:		22 joules	44 joules		44 joules
	Defibrillation:		44 joules	88 joules		88 joules
	Supraglottic Airway:		igel	Size 2	12 F gastric suction catheter	
	Medication	Dose	mLs	Medication	Dose	mLs
	Adenosine	2.2mg	0.73mL	Glucagon IM	1mg	1mL
	Albuterol NEB	5mg	6mL	Glucopaste	15gm	1 dose
	Amiodarone	110mg	2.2mL	Ketorolac slow IV/IO	11mg	0.73mL
	Atropine	0.44mg	4.4mL	Ketorolac IM	11mg	0.73mL
	Calcium Chloride	440mg	4.4mL	Lidocaine 2% IO	11mg	0.55mL
	Dextrose 10% slow IV	110mL	110mL	Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IV/IO	2.2mg	0.44mL
Diphenhydramine IV/IM	22mg	0.44mL	Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IN/IM	4.4mg	0.88mL	
DuoDote™	1 dose	NA	Midazolam Seizure ≥17mo IN/IM	PediDose	-	
Epinephrine Push Dose	10mcg	1mL	Morphine IV/IM/IO	2.2mg	0.55mL	
Epinephrine 0.1mg/mL IV	0.22mg	2.2mL	Naloxone IV/IM/IN	2mg	2mL	
Epinephrine 1mg/mL IM	0.22mg	0.22mL	Normal Saline IV Bolus	440mL	440mL	
Epinephrine 1mg/mL NEB	5mg	5mL	Ondansetron ODT	4mg	1 tablet	
Fentanyl IV/IM	22mcg	0.44mL	Sodium Bicarbonate	22mEq	22mL	
Fentanyl IN	33mcg	0.66mL				

BLUE



24 Kg	Length 119 – 129 cm			7 – 9 years				
	Normal Vital Signs:		Heart Rate: 70-110	Respirations: 15-30		Systolic BP: >80		
	Cardioversion:		24 joules	48 joules		48 joules		
	Defibrillation:		48 joules	96 joules		96 joules		
	Supraglottic Airway:		igel	Size 2.5	12 F gastric suction catheter			
	Medication		Dose	mLs	Medication		Dose	mLs
	Adenosine		2.4mg	0.8mL	Glucagon IM		1mg	1mL
	Albuterol NEB		5mg	6mL	Glucopaste		15gm	1 dose
	Amiodarone		120mg	2.4mL	Ketorolac slow IV/IO		12mg	0.8mL
	Atropine		0.48mg	4.8mL	Ketorolac IM		12mg	0.8mL
	Calcium Chloride		480mg	4.8mL	Lidocaine 2% IO		12mg	0.6mL
	Dextrose 10% slow IV		120mL	120mL	Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IV/IO		2.4mg	0.48mL
	Diphenhydramine IV/IM		24mg	0.48mL	Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IN/IM		4.8mg	0.96mL
	DuoDote™		2 doses	NA	Midazolam Seizure ≥17mo IN/IM		PediDose	-
	Epinephrine Push Dose		10mcg	1mL	Morphine IV/IM/IO		2.4mg	0.6mL
Epinephrine 0.1mg/mL IV		0.24mg	2.4mL	Naloxone IV/IM/IN		2mg	2mL	
Epinephrine 1mg/mL IM		0.24mg	0.24mL	Normal Saline IV Bolus		480mL	480mL	
Epinephrine 1mg/mL NEB		5mg	5mL	Ondansetron ODT		4mg	1 tablet	
Fentanyl IV/IM		24mcg	0.48mL	Sodium Bicarbonate		24mEq	24mL	
Fentanyl IN		36mcg	0.72mL					
ORANGE								

26 Kg	Length 119 – 129 cm			7 – 9 years			ORANGE						
	Normal Vital Signs:		Heart Rate: 70-110		Respirations: 15-30			Systolic BP: >80					
	Cardioversion:		26 joules		52 joules			52 joules					
	Defibrillation:		52 joules		104 joules			104 joules					
	Supraglottic Airway:		igel		Size 2.5			12 F gastric suction catheter					
	Medication		Dose		mLs			Medication		Dose		mLs	
	Adenosine		2.6mg		0.87mL			Glucagon IM		1mg		1mL	
	Albuterol NEB		5mg		6mL			Glucopaste		15gm		1 dose	
	Amiodarone		130mg		2.6mL			Ketorolac slow IV/IO		13mg		0.87mL	
	Atropine		0.5mg		5mL			Ketorolac IM		13mg		0.87mL	
	Calcium Chloride		520mg		5.2mL			Lidocaine 2% IO		13mg		0.65mL	
	Dextrose 10% slow IV		130mL		130mL			Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IV/IO		2.6mg		0.52mL	
	Diphenhydramine IV/IM		26mg		0.52mL			Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IN/IM		5mg		1mL	
DuoDote™		2 doses		NA		Midazolam Seizure ≥17mo IN/IM		PediDose		-			
Epinephrine Push Dose		10mcg		1mL		Morphine IV/IM/IO		2.6mg		0.65mL			
Epinephrine 0.1mg/mL IV		0.26mg		2.6mL		Naloxone IV/IM/IN		2mg		2mL			
Epinephrine 1mg/mL IM		0.26mg		0.26mL		Normal Saline IV Bolus		520mL		520mL			
Epinephrine 1mg/mL NEB		5mg		5mL		Ondansetron ODT		4mg		1 tablet			
Fentanyl IV/IM		26mcg		0.52mL		Sodium Bicarbonate		26mEq		26mL			
Fentanyl IN		39mcg		0.78mL									

<b>28 Kg</b>	<b>Length 119 – 129 cm</b>			<b>7 – 9 years</b>		
	<b>Normal Vital Signs:</b>		<b>Heart Rate: 70-110</b>	<b>Normal Vital Signs:</b>		<b>Heart Rate: 70-110</b>
	<b>Cardioversion:</b>		28 joules	<b>Cardioversion:</b>		56 joules
	<b>Defibrillation:</b>		56 joules	<b>Defibrillation:</b>		112 joules
	<b>Supraglottic Airway:</b>		igel	<b>Supraglottic Airway:</b>		Size 2.5
	<b>Medication</b>		<b>Dose</b>	<b>Medication</b>		<b>Dose</b>
			<b>mLs</b>			<b>mLs</b>
	Adenosine		2.8mg	Glucagon IM		1mg
	Albuterol NEB		5mg	Glucopaste		15gm
	Amiodarone		140mg	Ketorolac slow IV/IO		14mg
	Atropine		0.5mg	Ketorolac IM		14mg
	Calcium Chloride		560mg	Lidocaine 2% IO		14mg
	Dextrose 10% slow IV		140mL	Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IV/IO		2.8mg
	Diphenhydramine IV/IM		28mg	Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IN/IM		5mg
	DuoDote™		2 doses	Midazolam Seizure ≥17mo IN/IM		PediDose
	Epinephrine Push Dose		10mcg	Morphine IV/IM/IO		2.8mg
	Epinephrine 0.1mg/mL IV		0.28mg	Naloxone IV/IM/IN		2mg
	Epinephrine 1mg/mL IM		0.28mg	Normal Saline IV Bolus		560mL
	Epinephrine 1mg/mL NEB		5mg	Ondansetron ODT		4mg
	Fentanyl IV/IM		28mcg	Sodium Bicarbonate		28mEq
	Fentanyl IN		42mcg			

30 Kg	Length 129 – 141.5 cm			10 – 12 years			GREEN						
	Normal Vital Signs:		Heart Rate: 60-100		Respirations: 15-20			Systolic BP: >90					
	Cardioversion:		30 joules		60 joules			60 joules					
	Defibrillation:		60 joules		120 joules			120 joules					
	Supraglottic Airway:		igel		Size 2.5			12 F gastric suction catheter					
	Medication		Dose		mLs			Medication		Dose		mLs	
	Adenosine		3mg		1mL			Glucagon IM		1mg		1mL	
	Albuterol NEB		5mg		6mL			Glucopaste		15gm		1 dose	
	Amiodarone		150mg		3mL			Ketorolac slow IV/IO		15mg		1mL	
	Atropine		0.5mg		5mL			Ketorolac IM		15mg		1mL	
	Calcium Chloride		600mg		6mL			Lidocaine 2% IO		15mg		0.75mL	
	Dextrose 10% slow IV		150mL		150mL			Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IV/IO		3mg		0.6mL	
	Diphenhydramine IV/IM		30mg		0.6mL			Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IN/IM		5mg		1mL	
DuoDote™		2 doses		NA		Midazolam Seizure ≥17mo IN/IM		PediDose		-			
Epinephrine Push Dose		10mcg		1mL		Morphine IV/IM/IO		3mg		0.75mL			
Epinephrine 0.1mg/mL IV		0.3mg		3mL		Naloxone IV/IM/IN		2mg		2mL			
Epinephrine 1mg/mL IM		0.3mg		0.3mL		Normal Saline IV Bolus		600mL		600mL			
Epinephrine 1mg/mL NEB		5mg		5mL		Ondansetron ODT		4mg		1 tablet			
Fentanyl IV/IM		30mcg		0.6mL		Sodium Bicarbonate		30mEq		30mL			
Fentanyl IN		45mcg		0.9mL									

32 Kg	Length 129 – 141.5 cm			10 – 12 years		
	Normal Vital Signs:		Heart Rate: 60-100		Respirations: 15-20	
	Cardioversion:		32 joules		64 joules	
	Defibrillation:		64 joules		128 joules	
	Supraglottic Airway:		igel		Size 2.5	
	Medication		Dose		mLs	
	Adenosine		3.2mg		1.07mL	
	Albuterol NEB		5mg		6mL	
	Amiodarone		160mg		3.2mL	
	Atropine		0.5mg		5mL	
	Calcium Chloride		640mg		6.4mL	
	Dextrose 10% slow IV		160mL		160mL	
	Diphenhydramine IV/IM		32mg		0.64mL	
	DuoDote™		2 doses		NA	
	Epinephrine Push Dose		10mcg		1mL	
Epinephrine 0.1mg/mL IV		0.32mg		3.2mL		
Epinephrine 1mg/mL IM		0.32mg		0.32mL		
Epinephrine 1mg/mL NEB		5mg		5mL		
Fentanyl IV/IM		32mcg		0.64mL		
Fentanyl IN		48mcg		0.96mL		
Glucagon IM		1mg		1mL		
Glucopaste		15gm		1 dose		
Ketorolac slow IV/IO		15mg		1mL		
Ketorolac IM		15mg		1mL		
Lidocaine 2% IO		16mg		0.8mL		
Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IV/IO		3.2mg		0.64mL		
Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IN/IM		5mg		1mL		
Midazolam Seizure ≥17mo IN/IM		PediDose		-		
Morphine IV/IM/IO		3.2mg		0.8mL		
Naloxone IV/IM/IN		2mg		2mL		
Normal Saline IV Bolus		640mL		640mL		
Ondansetron ODT		4mg		1 tablet		
Sodium Bicarbonate		32mEq		32mL		
GREEN						

34 Kg	Length 129 – 141.5 cm			10 – 12 years		
	Normal Vital Signs:		Heart Rate: 60-100		Respirations: 15-20	
	Systolic BP: >90					
	Cardioversion:		34 joules		68 joules	
	Defibrillation:		68 joules		136 joules	
	Supraglottic Airway:		igel		Size 2.5	
					12 F gastric suction catheter	
	Medication		Dose		mLs	
	Medication		Dose		mLs	
	Adenosine		3.4mg		1.13mL	
	Glucagon IM		1mg		1mL	
	Albuterol NEB		5mg		6mL	
	Glucopaste		15gm		1 dose	
Amiodarone		170mg		3.4mL		
Ketorolac slow IV/IO		15mg		1mL		
Atropine		0.5mg		5mL		
Ketorolac IM		15mg		1mL		
Calcium Chloride		680mg		6.8mL		
Lidocaine 2% IO		17mg		0.85mL		
Dextrose 10% slow IV		170mL		170mL		
Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IV/IO		3.4mg		0.68mL		
Diphenhydramine IV/IM		34mg		0.68mL		
Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IN/IM		5mg		1mL		
DuoDote™		2 doses		NA		
Midazolam Seizure ≥17mo IN/IM		PediDose		-		
Epinephrine Push Dose		10mcg		1mL		
Morphine IV/IM/IO		3.4mg		0.85mL		
Epinephrine 0.1mg/mL IV		0.34mg		3.4mL		
Naloxone IV/IM/IN		2mg		2mL		
Epinephrine 1mg/mL IM		0.34mg		0.34mL		
Normal Saline IV Bolus		680mL		680mL		
Epinephrine 1mg/mL NEB		5mg		5mL		
Ondansetron ODT		4mg		1 tablet		
Fentanyl IV/IM		34mcg		0.68mL		
Sodium Bicarbonate		34mEq		34mL		
Fentanyl IN		50mcg		1mL		

GREEN

36 Kg	Length 129 – 141.5 cm			10 – 12 years				
	Normal Vital Signs:		Heart Rate: 60-100	Respirations: 15-20		Systolic BP: >90		
	Cardioversion:		36 joules	72 joules		72 joules		
	Defibrillation:		72 joules	144 joules		144 joules		
	Supraglottic Airway:		igel	Size 2.5	12 F gastric suction catheter			
	Medication		Dose	mLs	Medication		Dose	mLs
	Adenosine		3.6mg	1.2mL	Glucagon IM		1mg	1mL
	Albuterol NEB		5mg	6mL	Glucopaste		15gm	1 dose
	Amiodarone		180mg	3.6mL	Ketorolac slow IV/IO		15mg	1mL
	Atropine		0.5mg	5mL	Ketorolac IM		15mg	1mL
	Calcium Chloride		720mg	7.2mL	Lidocaine 2% IO		18mg	0.9mL
	Dextrose 10% slow IV		180mL	180mL	Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IV/IO		3.6mg	0.72mL
	Diphenhydramine IV/IM		36mg	0.72mL	Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IN/IM		5mg	1mL
DuoDote™		2 doses	NA	Midazolam Seizure ≥17mo IN/IM		PediDose	-	
Epinephrine Push Dose		10mcg	1mL	Morphine IV/IM/IO		3.6mg	0.9mL	
Epinephrine 0.1mg/mL IV		0.36mg	3.6mL	Naloxone IV/IM/IN		2mg	2mL	
Epinephrine 1mg/mL IM		0.36mg	0.36mL	Normal Saline IV Bolus		720mL	720mL	
Epinephrine 1mg/mL NEB		5mg	5mL	Ondansetron ODT		4mg	1 tablet	
Fentanyl IV/IM		36mcg	0.72mL	Sodium Bicarbonate		36mEq	36mL	
Fentanyl IN		50mcg	1mL					
GREEN								

**Longer than the Length-Based Resuscitation Tape**

Normal Vital Signs:	Heart Rate: 50-99		Respirations: 12-20		Systolic BP: >100	
Cardioversion:	120 joules		150 joules		200 joules	
Defibrillation:	200 joules		200 joules		200 joules	
Supraglottic Airway:	igel	30-60 kg	Size 3 (12 F gastric suction catheter)			
		50-90 kg	Size 4 (12 F gastric suction catheter)			
		>90 kg	Size 5 (12 F gastric suction catheter)			
Medication	Dose	mLs	Medication	Dose	mLs	
Adenosine	6 or 12mg	2 or 4mL	Ketorolac IM	30mg	2mL	
Albuterol NEB	5mg	6mL	Lidocaine 2% IO	40mg	2mL	
Amiodarone	300mg	6mL	Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IV/IO	5mg	1mL	
Aspirin	325mg	1 tablet	Midazolam Agitation/Sedation IM/IN <sup>3</sup>	5mg	1mL	
Atropine	1mg	10mL	Midazolam Seizure ≥12y IM/IN <sup>3</sup>	10mg	2mL	
Calcium Chloride	1gm	10mL	Morphine IV/IM/IO <sup>4</sup>	4mg	1mL	
Dextrose 10% slow IV <sup>1</sup>	125-250mL	125-250mL	Naloxone IV	0.8-2mg	0.8-2mL	
Diphenhydramine IV/IM	50mg	1mL	Naloxone IM	2mg	2mL	
DuoDote™	1-3 doses	NA	Naloxone IN	2-4mg	2-4mL	
Epinephrine Push Dose	10mcg	1mL	Nitroglycerin <sup>5</sup>	0.4mg	1 dose	
Epinephrine 0.1mg/mL IV	1mg	10mL	Normal Saline IV Bolus	1L	1L	
Epinephrine 1mg/mL IM	0.5mg	0.5mL	Olanzapine ODT <sup>6</sup>	10mg	1 tablet	
Epinephrine 1mg/mL NEB	5mg	5mL	Ondansetron ODT	4mg	1 tablet	
Fentanyl IV/IM/IN <sup>2</sup>	50mcg	1mL	Ondansetron IV/IM <sup>7</sup>	4mg	2mL	
Glucagon IM	1mg	1mL	Sodium Bicarbonate	50mEq	50mL	
Glucopaste	15gm	1 dose	Tranexamic Acid (TXA) <sup>8</sup>	1gm	50/100mL	
Ketorolac slow IV/IO	15mg	1mL				

**NOTES:**

<sup>1</sup> Dextrose: **125mL IV** and reassess, if patient remains symptomatic, repeat x1 for a total of 250mL

<sup>2</sup> Fentanyl: **50mcg (1mL) slow IV push or IM/IN**, repeat every 5min prn, maximum total dose prior to Base Contact 150mcg

<sup>3</sup> Midazolam:

Agitated Delirium / Behavioral / Psychiatric Crisis

**5mg (1mL) IM/IN/IV**, repeat x1 in 5 min prn, maximum total dose prior to Base contact 10mg for Agitated Delirium (Psychiatric Crisis requires Base order prior to any medication administered)

Cardiac Dysrhythmia - sedation prior to synchronized cardioversion / transcutaneous pacing

**5mg (1mL) slow IV/IO push/IM/IN**, may repeat X1 in 5 min prn, maximum total dose prior to Base contact 10mg

Seizure - Active

**10 mg (2mL) IN/IM**, contact Base for additional dosing

With Base Contact may repeat x1 to a maximum of 20mg

<sup>4</sup> Morphine: **4mg (1mL) slow IV/IO push or IM**, repeat every 5min prn, maximum total dose prior to Base contact 12mg

<sup>5</sup> Nitroglycerin

Chest Pain – Suspected Cardiac / Chest Pain – STEMI

**0.4 mg SL** prn, repeat every 5min prn x2, total 3 doses, hold if SBP < 100mmHg or patient has taken sexually enhancing medication within 48 hours

Pulmonary Edema / CHF

**0.4mg SL**, for SBP ≥ 100mmHg; **0.8mg SL**, for SBP ≥ 150mmHg; **1.2mg SL**, for SBP ≥ 200mmHg

Repeat every 3-5 min prn x2 for persistent dyspnea, assess blood pressure prior to each administration and determine subsequent dose base on SBP as listed above. Hold if SBP

<sup>6</sup> Olanzapine ODT given once

<sup>7</sup> Ondansetron IV/IM – only for 15 years of age or older

<sup>8</sup> Tranexamic Acid (TXA) – 1gm(10mL) dilute in 50 or 100mL of normal saline infused over 10 minutes

SUBJECT: **TRIAGE TO ALTERNATE DESTINATION (TAD)  
PARAMEDIC PROVIDER PROGRAM**

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REFERENCE NO. 424

PURPOSE: To outline criteria for the approval of a triage to alternate destination (TAD) paramedic provider program in Los Angeles County.

AUTHORITY: Health & Safety Code, Division 2.5, Section §1797-1863  
California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 5

DEFINITIONS:

**Advanced Life Support (ALS):** Patient care requiring paramedic level assessment and/or intervention(s) listed in Ref. No. 803, Los Angeles County Paramedic Scope of Practice.

**Designated TAD Facility:** A mental health (Psychiatric Urgent Care Center) or non-correctional (Sobering Center) facility approved by the Los Angeles County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency to receive patients assessed and triaged by paramedics for psychiatric care or sobering services.

**Paramedic Provider Agency:** A fire or law enforcement agency or licensed ambulance operator that meets the requirements outlined in Ref. No. 406, Authorization for Paramedic Provider Status, which includes, but not limited to: employing and sponsoring paramedics to provide ALS services; participating in EMS system programs (e.g., quality improvement); and complying with all applicable federal and state statutes and regulations, and local policies, procedures, guidelines and protocols.

**TAD Paramedic:** A California licensed and Los Angeles County accredited paramedic who has completed the training requirements of an EMS Agency approved TAD Paramedic Training Program and received TAD specific accreditation.

**TAD Paramedic Provider Agency:** A paramedic provider agency authorized by the EMS Agency to participate in the TAD Program.

**TAD Paramedic Training Program:** A training program approved by the EMS Agency to provide education on triage to alternate destinations for patients requiring psychiatric care or sobering services through didactic and clinical education and competency testing.

**TAD Program:** A system-wide ALS program developed by the EMS Agency and approved by the Emergency Medical Services Authority to assess and triage patients requiring psychiatric care to designated Psychiatric Urgent Care Centers, or sobering services to designated Sobering Centers in accordance with the California Code of Regulations, Chapter 5, Division 9.

PRINCIPLES:

1. The EMS Agency is the approving authority for TAD Programs in Los Angeles County.

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SUPERSEDES: NEW  
REVISED: NEW

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APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Director, EMS Agency

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Medical Director, EMS Agency



2. The EMS Agency has oversight authority to conduct onsite visits, inspect, investigate, and discipline a Designated TAD Facility, TAD paramedic, TAD paramedic provider agency, TAD paramedic training program, and TAD programs for any violations to the standards set forth herein through denial, probation, suspension, or revocation of the approval and/or accreditation.
3. No person or organizations shall offer a TAD paramedic training program or TAD programs without the authorization from the EMS Agency.
4. The EMS Agency may exclude existing paramedic provider agencies from participating in the TAD program. Reasons may include: no designated TAD facilities can be accessed within patient destination transport guidelines, EMS resources are unreasonably removed from the paramedic provider agency's primary area of response, and participation will negatively impact patient care. The EMS Agency will provide the paramedic provider agency a written response outlining the reasons for exclusion.
5. A TAD paramedic's decision to transport to a designated TAD facility shall not be based on, or affected by, a patient's ethnicity, citizenship, age, preexisting medical condition, insurance status, economic status, ability to pay for medical services, or any other characteristics listed in Section 51 of the Civil Code except in circumstances in which age, sex, preexisting medical condition, or physical or mental disability is medically significant to the provision of appropriate medical care to the patient. A violation of Section 51 of the Civil Code will result in immediate termination from the program.
6. Maintaining skills competency and effective quality improvement program are important components for implementing and sustaining a successful TAD program. TAD provider agencies must ensure active clinical practice and participation in the quality improvement program for their TAD paramedics.

**POLICY:**

- I. TAD Paramedic Provider Agency Program Requirements
  - A. Be approved by the EMS Agency as a TAD paramedic provider agency.
    1. Must meet the requirements outlined in Ref. No. 406, Authorization for Paramedic Provider Status.
    2. Have a Medical Director who meets the requirements in Ref. No. 411, Provider Agency Medical Director.
    3. Incorporate the TAD paramedic provider agency program into existing continuing education and quality improvement programs.
  - B. Have a TAD Paramedic Training Program approved by the EMS Agency.
    1. Administration, faculty requirements, and TAD course standards and curriculum must meet California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 5, Chapter 5, §100189, Community Paramedic and Transportation to Alternate Destination Training Programs Administration and Faculty Requirements.

2. Interested training programs must complete and submit an EMS Agency TAD Training Program Application packet to the EMS Agency for approval. The application packet must contain the following:
  - a. Faculty forms containing the names and qualifications of the training program director, program medical director, and instructors.
  - b. A statement verifying that the course meets the requirements contained in the current version of the United States Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) National Education Standards.
  - c. An outline of course objectives.
  - d. Performance objectives for each skill.
  - e. A minimum of one (1) final comprehensive competency-based examination must be administered to test the paramedic's skills and knowledge of the TAD Program.

C. Documentation and Data

1. Electronic Patient Care Report (ePCR) documentation must be in accordance with Ref. No. 606, Documentation of Prehospital Care.
2. Submission of ePCR data to the EMS Agency must be in accordance with current NEMSIS Standards and comply with the requirements in Ref. No. 607, Electronic Submission of Prehospital Data.
3. Retention and disposition of patient care records must comply with Ref. No. 608, Retention and Disposition of Prehospital Patient Care Records.

II. TAD Paramedic Training Program Approval Process

- A. Training Program Director of proposed TAD training program shall submit a written request to the EMS Agency Office of Certification and Training Program Approvals.
- B. Notification of program approval or deficiencies with application requirements shall be made in writing by the EMS Agency to the requesting paramedic training program within ninety (90) days of receiving the request for approval.
- C. The EMS Agency shall approve and establish the effective date of the TAD paramedic training program approval in writing upon the program satisfactory meeting and documenting compliance with all program requirements.
- D. TAD paramedic training program approval is valid for four (4) years ending on the last day of the month in which the request is approved. This approval is not transferable from person to person or between training programs.
- E. The EMS Agency shall notify the California EMS Authority in writing of the training program approval.

III. TAD Paramedic Provider Agency Program Disciplinary Actions

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- A. The EMS Agency shall conduct an annual review of the TAD paramedic provider agency program to ensure compliance with all requirements.
- B. Failure to comply with the requirements set forth herein may result in denial, probation, suspension, or revocation of approval.
- C. Procedure for notification of noncompliance:
  - 1. The EMS Agency shall provide a written notification of noncompliance to the TAD paramedic provider agency within ten (10) days of finding noncompliance.
  - 2. Within fifteen (15) days from receipt of the notification, the TAD paramedic provider agency, shall submit in writing evidence of compliance or a plan to comply within sixty (60) days from the day of receipt of the notification.
  - 3. Within fifteen (15) days from receipt of the TAD paramedic provider agency response or within thirty days (30) from the mailing date of the notification of noncompliance if no response is received, the EMS Agency shall issue a decision letter by certified mail to the California EMS Authority and the TAD paramedic provider agency identifying one or more of the following actions:
    - a. Accept the evidence of compliance provided.
    - b. Accept the plan for meeting compliance provided.
    - c. Place the TAD paramedic provider agency on probation.
    - d. Immediately suspend or revoke the approval for the paramedic provider agency to implement TAD.
  - 4. The decision letter shall also include, but not be limited to the following:
    - a. The date of the EMS Agency's decision.
    - b. Specific requirements the TAD paramedic provider agency failed to meet.
    - c. The probation and suspension effective and ending date, if applicable.
    - d. The terms and conditions of the probation or suspension, if applicable.
    - e. The revocation date, if applicable.

IV. TAD Paramedic Accreditation

- A. The TAD paramedic applicant shall submit an EMS Personnel Information/Sponsorship Update Form and meet the following eligibility criteria:

1. Proof of an active, unrestricted California issued paramedic license,
  2. Hold a current Los Angeles County Paramedic Accreditation,
  3. Last four (4) numbers of social security number or individual tax identification number, and
  4. A course completion certificate issued by an approved TAD Paramedic Training Program.
  5. Application must be signed by an approved TAD Provider Agency sponsoring entity.
- B. The EMS Agency shall review the EMS Personnel Information/Sponsorship Update Form and notify the applicant in writing within thirty (30) business days from the date of submission that the application is:
1. Incomplete or illegible and required corrective action, or
  2. The TAD accreditation has been approved and the TAD accreditation information has been entered into the Central Registry database, or
  3. The TAD accreditation has been denied, including the reason for the denial and notification of the applicant's right to appeal.
- C. The EMS Agency shall register the TAD paramedic accreditation into the Central Registry database within five (5) business days of the TAD paramedic accreditation being approved.
- D. The initial TAD paramedic accreditation shall expire on the last day of the month, two (2) years from the effective date of the TAD paramedic initial accreditation or upon expiration of County Paramedic accreditation, whichever is sooner.
- E. TAD paramedic accreditation shall be renewed every two (2) years. The following eligibility criteria for renewal must be submitted to the EMS Agency:
1. Proof of current, unrestricted California issued paramedic license, and
  2. Proof of completion of four (4) hours of approved TAD continuing education (CE).
- F. To be eligible for reinstatement of a TAD paramedic accreditation that has expired twelve (12) months or less, the following eligibility criteria must be submitted to the EMS Agency:
1. Proof of current, unrestricted California issued paramedic license, and
  2. Proof of completion of four (4) hours of approved TAD paramedic CE.
- G. To be eligible for reinstatement of a TAD paramedic accreditation that has been expired for more than twelve (12) months, the following eligibility criteria must be submitted to the EMS Agency:

1. Proof of current, unrestricted California issued paramedic license, and
2. Proof of successful completion of an approved TAD paramedic training program within the last year from the submission date of the reinstatement application.

CROSS REFERENCES:

Prehospital Care Policy Manual:

Ref. No. 406, **Authorization for Paramedic Provider Status**

Ref. No. 411, **Provider Agency Medical Director**

Ref. No. 526, **Behavioral/Psychiatric Crisis**

Ref. No. 526.1, **Medical Clearance Criteria Screening Tool for Psychiatric Urgent Care Center (PUCC)**

Ref. No. 528, **Intoxicated (Alcohol) Patient Destination**

Ref. No. 528.1, **Medical Clearance Criteria Screening Tool for Sobering Center**

Ref. No. 602, **Confidentiality of Patient Information**

Ref. No. 606, **Documentation of Prehospital Care**

Ref. No. 607, **Electronic Submission of Prehospital Patient Data**

Ref. No. 608, **Retention and Disposition of Prehospital Patient Care Records**

Ref. No. 620, **EMS Quality Improvement Program**

Ref. No. 621, **Notification of Personnel Change**

Ref. No. 621.1, **Notification of Personnel Change Form Provider Agency/Training Programs**

Ref. No. 622, **Release of EMS Data**

Ref. No. 640, **EMS Documentation Manual**



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: **TRIAGE TO ALTERNATE DESTINATION (TAD) PARAMEDIC  
PROVIDER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

REFERENCE NO. XXX

**PURPOSE:** To establish procedures for approval of Triage to Alternate Destination (TAD) Paramedic Training Program in Los Angeles County and requirements to maintain program approval.

**AUTHORITY:** California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 5, §100187, 100188, 100189, 100190,  
California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Division 3, Part 1, Chapter 5, §11500  
Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Chapter 13 Sections 1797.107, 1830, 1831, 1832, 1835, and 1836.

**DEFINITIONS:**

**Designated TAD Facility:** A mental health (Psychiatric Urgent Care Center) or non-correctional (Sobering Center) facility approved by the Los Angeles County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency to receive patients assessed and triaged by paramedics for psychiatric care or sobering services.

**Paramedic Provider Agency:** A fire or law enforcement agency or licensed ambulance operator that meets the requirements outlined in Ref. No. 406, Authorization for Paramedic Provider Status, which includes, but not limited to: employing and sponsoring paramedics to provide ALS services; participating in EMS system programs (e.g., quality improvement); and complying with all applicable federal and state statutes and regulations, and local policies, procedures, guidelines and protocols.

**TAD Paramedic:** A California licensed and Los Angeles County accredited paramedic who has completed the training requirements of an EMS Agency approved TAD Paramedic Training Program and received TAD specific accreditation.

**TAD Paramedic Provider Agency:** A paramedic provider agency authorized by the EMS Agency to participate in the TAD Program.

**TAD Paramedic Training Program :** A training program approved by the EMS Agency to provide education on triage to alternate destinations for patients requiring psychiatric care or sobering services through didactic and clinical education and competency testing.

**TAD Program:** A system-wide ALS program developed by the EMS Agency and approved by the Emergency Medical Services Authority to assess and triage patients requiring psychiatric care to designated Psychiatric Urgent Care Centers, or sobering services to designated Sobering Centers in accordance with the California Code of Regulations, Chapter 5, Division 9.

**Approved CE Provider:** An individual or organization that has a valid California EMS

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Continuing Education Provider (CEP) number, an EMS CEP approved by another State, or a Commission on Accreditation for Pre-Hospital Continuing Education (CAPCE) provider number.

PRINCIPLES:

1. A Paramedic Provider Agency with an approved CE provider program in Los Angeles County are eligible to apply for approval of a TAD program.
2. Training and competency evaluation for all TAD paramedics shall meet the minimum requirement set forth by the California EMS Authority and Los Angeles County EMS Agency.
3. Instructors must have adequate training, credentials, and/or experience in educational content and methodology in order to ensure courses adequately address the educational requirements and need of personnel.

POLICY:

I. TAD PARAMEDIC TRAINING PROGRAM APPROVAL:

The EMS Agency has the primary responsibility for approving and monitoring the performance of TAD Paramedic Training Program's in Los Angeles County (LAC) to ensure compliance with local policies, state regulations, and guidelines.

A. Approval Process:

1. The EMS Agency shall be the approving agency for TAD Paramedic Training Program located in LAC.
2. Program approval may be granted up to four (4) years and expiration date will coincide with their existing approved CE Provider program expiration date. The approval is not transferable to another organization.
3. If the Paramedic Provider Agency relinquishes their CEP number or it is revoked, their TAD Paramedic Training Program will also need to be relinquished or is subject to revocation.

B. TAD Paramedic Training Program Application Process:

1. Interested TAD Paramedic Training Programs shall obtain an application packet from the EMS Agency.
2. Any approved Paramedic Provider Agency interested in training their personnel to become accredited TAD Paramedics shall submit a complete application packet to the EMS Agency. Courses cannot be offered until program approval has been granted.
3. The application packet shall contain:

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- a. A complete and signed TAD Paramedic Training Program application.
  - b. A memo on program letterhead, signed by program director, requesting approval or re-approval of the TAD Paramedic Training Program.
  - c. Resume or Curriculum Vitae (CV), copies of applicable licenses and certifications, and signed program staff forms for program director, medical director, and instructors.
  - d. A memo statement verifying that the course content meets the requirements contained in the current version of the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) National Education Standards. Initial course length a minimum of six (6) hours and recertification course length a minimum of four (4) hours.
  - e. An outline of course objectives and Performance objectives for each skill.
  - f. The proposed location(s) and date(s) for courses.
  - g. A copy of written final competency exam with passing criteria and answer key administered by the TAD Paramedic Training Program.
  - h. A copy of attendance record or description of the on-line tracking of course completion requirements.
4. The EMS Agency shall notify the applicant within fourteen (14) days that the application was received and specify missing information, if any. Notification of approval or deficiencies with the application shall be made in writing by the EMS Agency to the requesting TAD Paramedic Training Program applicant within ninety (90) days of receiving request for approval. Failure to submit the missing information within thirty (30) calendar days shall require the applicant to resubmit an original application packet for TAD Paramedic Training Program approval.
  5. The EMS Agency may deny an application for cause as specified in subsection I.C.2.
- C. Denial/Revocation/Probation of a TAD Paramedic Training Program
1. The EMS Agency may, for cause:
    - a. Deny any TAD Paramedic Training Program application.
    - b. Revoke TAD Paramedic Training Program approval.
    - c. Place a TAD Paramedic Training Program on probation.

2. Causes for these actions include, but are not limited to the Following:
  - a. Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any of the terms of the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 5; the California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Chapter 13; or Los Angeles County Emergency Medical Services Prehospital Care Policies.
  - b. Failure to correct identified deficiencies within the specified length of time after receiving written notices from the EMS Agency.
  - c. Misrepresentation of any fact by a TAD Paramedic Training Program of any required information.
3. The EMS Agency may take disciplinary action(s) on a TAD Paramedic Training Program if the EMS Agency has determined that probation, denial, or revocation is warranted. If this occurs, the proceedings shall adhere to the California Administrative Procedure Act, Chapter 5, commencing with Government code Section 11500.
4. If TAD Paramedic Training Program approval is revoked, training provided after the date of action shall be invalid.
5. A TAD Paramedic Training Program is ineligible to reapply for approval following a denial or revocation for a minimum of twelve (12) months.
6. If a TAD Paramedic Training Program is placed on probation, the terms of the probation, including approval of an appropriate corrective action plan, shall be determined by the EMS Agency. During the probationary period, prior approval of all courses offered must be obtained. Course documents must be submitted to the EMS Agency at least thirty (30) days prior to each course being offered. Written notification of course approval shall be sent to the TAD Paramedic Training Program within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the request. Renewal of the TAD Paramedic Training Program approval is contingent upon completion of the probationary period.

D. Notification

1. The EMS Agency shall notify the California EMS Authority of each TAD Paramedic Training Program approved, denied, or revoked within their jurisdiction within thirty (30) days of action.

II. TAD PARAMEDIC TRAINING PROGRAM RENEWAL:

- A. A TAD Paramedic Training Program shall be renewed if the TAD Paramedic Training Program applies for renewal and demonstrates compliance with the requirements of this policy.

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- B. The TAD Paramedic Training Program must submit a complete application packet for renewal sixty (60) calendar days prior to expiration date to maintain continuous TAD Paramedic Training Program approval.

III. TAD PARAMEDIC TAD PARAMEDIC TRAINING PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

- A. An approved TAD Paramedic Training Program shall ensure that:
1. The content of all TAD Paramedic Training Program training is relevant, enhances the practice of prehospital emergency medical care, and is related to the knowledge base or technical skills required for the scope of practice of a triage paramedic.
  2. All records are maintained as outlined in this policy.
  3. The EMS Agency is notified within thirty (30) calendar days of any request for change in training medical director, program director, instructor(s), training location address, or telephone number.
  4. All records are available to the EMS Agency upon request.
  5. The TAD Paramedic Training Program follows all policies and procedures.
- B. Individual courses are open for scheduled or unscheduled visits/educational audits by the EMS Agency.

IV. TAD PARAMEDIC TRAINING PROGRAM STAFF REQUIREMENTS:

Each TAD Paramedic Training Program shall designate a medical director, program director, and instructor(s) who meet the requirements. Nothing in this section precludes the same individual from being responsible for more than one function.

A. Medical Director

Each TAD Paramedic Training Program shall have an approved medical director that will review and approve educational content, standards, and curriculum, including training objectives and local protocols and policies for the clinical and field instruction to certify ongoing appropriateness and medical accuracy. Reviews and approves the quality of medical instruction, supervision, course instructor(s), and evaluation of the students in all areas of the program.

1. TAD medical director's qualifications are as follows:
  - a. Board Certified or Board eligible emergency medical physician currently licensed in California, who has experience in emergency medicine and has education in method of instruction.

B. Program Director



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Each TAD Paramedic Training Program shall have an approved program director who is an employee of the organization and has education and experience in methods, materials, and evaluation of instruction.

1. TAD program director's qualifications are as follows:
  - a. Board Certified or Board Eligible California licensed emergency medical physician, registered nurse, or paramedic.
  - b. Has knowledge or experience in Los Angeles County EMS protocols and policies.
  - c. A minimum of three (3) years academic or clinical experience in prehospital care education.
  - d. Be qualified by education and experience with at least forty (40) hours of documented teaching methodology instruction in areas related to methods, materials, and evaluation of instruction
2. The duties of the TAD program director shall include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Administration, organization, and supervision of the educational program.
  - b. In coordination with the medical director, approves the instructor(s), the development of curriculum, including instructional objectives, and all methods of evaluation.
  - c. Ensure TAD Paramedic Training Program compliance with California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 5 and other related laws.
  - d. Ensure that all course completion records include a signature verification and maintain those records in a manner consistent with this policy.
  - e. Attending the mandatory EMS Agency Orientation Program within six (6) months of approval as the program director.
  - f. Attend all mandatory TAD program updates.
  - g. Act as a liaison to the EMS Agency.

C. Instructor(s)

Each TAD Paramedic Training Program instructor shall be approved by the medical director and program director as qualified to teach the TAD curriculum. An instructor may also be the program medical director or program director.

1. Instructor qualifications are as follows:
  - a. Be a physician, registered nurse, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or paramedic, who is currently certified or licensed in the State of California.
  - b. Have six (6) years' experience in an allied health field, OR four (4) years of experience in an allied health field and an associate degree OR two (2) years of experience in an allied health field and a baccalaureate degree.
  - c. Be knowledgeable in the course content of the U.S. DOT National Emergency Medical Services Education Standards
  - d. Be able to demonstrate expertise and a minimum of two (2) years of experience within the past five (5) years in the subject matter being taught.
  - e. Be qualified by education and experience with at least forty (40) hours of documented teaching methodology instruction in areas related to methods, materials, and evaluation of instruction.

V. TAD PARAMEDIC TRAINING PROGRAM CIRRICULUM MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Initial training course length a minimum of six (6) hours and recertification course a minimum of four (4) hours. In addition, one (1) final comprehensive competency-based examination to test the knowledge and skills specified in this document.

1. Course content:
  - a. Screening and responding to mental health and substance use crisis intervention to be provided by a licensed physician in the emergency department of a general acute hospital.
  - b. Mental health conditions.
  - c. Assessment and treatment of intoxicated patients
  - d. The prevalence and causes of substance use disorders and associated public health impacts.
  - e. Suicide risk factors
  - f. Alcohol and substance abuse disorders
  - g. Triage and transport parameters.
  - h. Health risks and intervention in stabilizing acutely intoxicated patients

- i. Common medical conditions and infections with presentations similar to psychosis and intoxication which require medical testing and treatment.
- j. Disease process, behavioral emergencies, and injury patterns common to those with chronic alcohol use and other substance use disorders.
- k. Los Angeles County EMS protocols and policies for triage, treatment, transport, and transfer care, of patients to an alternate destination facility.
- l. Psychiatric disorders.
- m. EMTALA laws as it pertains to psychiatric, and substance use disorder-related emergencies.
- n. Neuropharmacology.
- o. Patient consent.
- p. Patient documentation.
- q. Medical quality improvement.

VI. TAD PARAMEDIC TRAINING PROGRAM EDUCATION ATTENDANCE RECORD

- A. A TAD Paramedic Training Program Education Attendance Record must be completed for all TAD Paramedic Training Program training provided. Each student must sign an attendance record or register online in order to receive credit.
- B. The information on the TAD Paramedic Training Program Education Attendance Record must contain all the elements set forth in the TAD Paramedic Training Program application packet.
- C. Attendees shall sign in or register only for themselves. Signing for another individual is strictly prohibited and subject to action.
- D. The original TAD Paramedic Training Program Education Attendance Record shall be maintained by the program. A legible copy (unless original is requested) of the attendance records shall be submitted to the Office of Certification/Program Approvals upon request by the EMS Agency for the following:
  - 1. Any County mandated program
  - 2. Any TAD Paramedic Training Program Education Attendance Record requested by the EMS Agency

VII. TAD PARAMEDIC TRAINING PROGRAM COURSE COMPLETION CERTIFICATES  
AND DOCUMENTS

Program shall issue a tamper resistant document (method determined by the TAD Paramedic Training Program) that contains all the set forth in the TAD Paramedic Training Program application packet as proof of successful completion of a course within thirty (30) calendar days.

SUBJECT: **TRIAGE TO ALTERNATE DESTINATION (TAD) PARAMEDIC  
TRAINING PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

REFERENCE NO. XXX

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CROSS REFERENCE:

Prehospital Care Manual:

Ref. No. 406,	<b>Authorization for Paramedic Provider Status</b>
Ref. No. 411,	<b>Provider Agency Medical Director</b>
Ref. No. 425,	<b>Triage to Alternate Destination (TAD) Paramedic Provider Program</b>
Ref. No. 526,	<b>Behavioral/Psychiatric Crisis</b>
Ref. No. 528,	<b>Intoxicated (Alcohol) Patient Destination</b>
Ref. No. 528.1,	<b>Medical Clearance Criteria Screening Tool for Sobering Center</b>
Ref. No. 602,	<b>Confidentiality of Patient Information</b>
Ref. No. 621,	<b>Notification of Personnel Change</b>
Ref. No. 621.1,	<b>Notification of Personnel Change Form Provider Agency/TAD Paramedic Training Programs</b>
Re. No. 1013,	<b>EMS Continuing Education (CE) Provider Approval and Program Requirements</b>

SUBJECT: **PATIENT DESTINATION**

PURPOSE: To ensure that 9-1-1 patients are transported to the most appropriate facility that is staffed, equipped, and prepared to administer emergency and/or definitive care appropriate to the needs of the patient.

AUTHORITY: Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Section 1797.220  
California Administrative Code, Title 13, Section 1105 (c)

PRINCIPLES:

1. In the absence of decisive factors to the contrary, 9-1-1 patients shall be transported to the most accessible 9-1-1 receiving facility equipped, staffed, and prepared to receive emergency cases and administer emergency care appropriate to the needs of the patient.
2. The most accessible receiving (MAR) facility may or may not be the closest facility geographically. Transport personnel shall take into consideration traffic, weather conditions, or other factors that may influence transport time in identifying the most accessible facility.
3. The most appropriate receiving facility for a patient may be the health facility which is affiliated with their health plan. Depending upon the patient's chief complaint and medical history, it may be in the patient's best interest to be transported to their 'medical home', as defined by their health plan, personal physician, and/or medical records.
4. Patients shall not be transported to a medical facility that is on diversion due to internal disaster.
5. Notwithstanding any other provision of this reference, and in accordance with Ref. No. 503, Guidelines for Hospitals Requesting Diversion of ALS Patients, final authority for patient destination rests with the base hospital handling the call. Base hospitals shall honor diversion requests based on patient condition and available system resources. 9-1-1 patients shall ordinarily be transported to general acute care hospitals with a basic emergency department permit. Transport to other medical facilities (hospitals with a stand-by permit, clinics and other medical facilities approved by the EMS Agency) shall be performed only in accordance with this policy.

POLICY:

- I. Transport of Patients by EMT Personnel
  - A. EMT personnel shall transport 9-1-1 patients deemed stable and requiring only basic life support (BLS) to the MAR ~~regardless of its diversion status~~ (exception: BLS Diversion or Internal Disaster).

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B. If the MAR has requested BLS diversion as per Ref. 503, the patient may be diverted to an alternate facility assuming the involved BLS unit estimates that it can reach an alternate facility within fifteen (15) minutes from the incident location. If there are no open facilities within this time frame, BLS patients shall be directed to the MAR, regardless of its diversion status (exception: Internal Disaster).

BC. EMT personnel may honor patient requests to be transported to other than the MAR provided that the patient is deemed stable, requires basic life support measures only, and the ambulance is not unreasonably removed from its primary area of response. In order to facilitate this, EMT personnel may transfer care of a patient to another EMT team if necessary.

D. In life-threatening situations (e.g., unmanageable airway or uncontrollable hemorrhage) in which the estimated time of arrival (ETA) of the paramedics exceeds the ETA to the MAR, EMTs should exercise their clinical judgment as to whether it is in the patient's best interest to be transported prior to the arrival of paramedics.

E. EMT personnel may immediately transport hypotensive trauma patients with life-threatening, penetrating injuries to the torso to the closest trauma center, not the MAR, when the transport time is less than the estimated time of paramedic arrival. The transporting unit should make every effort to contact the receiving trauma center while in route.

## II. Transport of Patients by Paramedic Personnel

A. Patients should be transported to the MAR unless:

1. The base hospital determines that another facility is more appropriate to meet the needs of the patient; or
2. The patient meets criteria or guidelines for transport to a specialty care center (i.e., Trauma Center, Pediatric Trauma Center, ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction Receiving Center, Emergency Department Approved for Pediatrics, Pediatric Medical Center, Perinatal Center, Sexual Assault Response Team Center, or Designated Stroke Center);
3. The patient requests a specific hospital; and
  - a. The patient's condition is considered sufficiently stable to tolerate additional transport time; and
  - b. The requested hospital does not have a defined service area (see Section V of this policy); and
  - c. The requested hospital can provide services appropriate to the patient's chief complaint; and
  - d. The EMS provider has determined that such a transport would not unreasonably remove the unit from its primary area of response. If the provider is unable to honor the request, and the patient

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therefore refuses to be transported, the provider should attempt to arrange for alternate transportation (i.e., private ambulance), in order to assist patient with receiving necessary treatment.

4. The MAR has requested diversion of 9-1-1 patients requiring advanced life support (ALS) as specified in Ref. No. 503. ALS patients may be directed to an alternate open facility provided:
  - a. The patient does not exhibit an unmanageable airway or uncontrolled hemorrhage.
  - b. The involved ALS unit estimates that it can reach an alternate facility within fifteen (15) minutes, Code 3, from the incident location. If there are no open facilities within this time frame, ALS patients shall be directed to the MAR, regardless of its diversion status (exception: Internal Disaster).
- B. Paramedic personnel may transfer care of a patient to another paramedic team if necessary. If base hospital contact has been made, the initial paramedic team shall advise the base hospital that another paramedic team has assumed responsibility for the patient.

### III. Destination of Restrained Patients

- A. Restrained patients shall be transported to the MAR within the guidelines of this policy. Allowable exceptions:
  1. Patients without a medical complaint, with a 5150 order written by a designated Department of Mental Health Team, when transport to a psychiatric facility has been arranged.
  2. A law enforcement request for transport to medical facilities other than the closest may be honored with base hospital concurrence.

### IV. Transport to Hospitals or Medical Facilities that are Non 9-1-1 Receiving Facilities

- A. Patient requests for transport to hospitals that are not 9-1-1 Receiving Facilities may be honored by EMT or paramedic personnel provided:
  1. The patient, family, or private physician is made aware that the requested hospital is not a 9-1-1 receiving facility;
  2. The Base hospital or EMS provider contacts the requested facility and ensures that the hospital has agreed to accept the patient;
  3. If transport requires additional transport time, the patient's condition is considered sufficiently stable to tolerate and the EMS provider has determined that such a transport would not unreasonably remove the unit from its primary area of response
- B. Other medical facilities approved on an individual basis by the EMS Agency:

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9-1-1 patients may be transported to medical facilities other than hospitals (i.e., clinics, etc.) only when approved in advance by the EMS Agency.

V. Transport to Designated Service Area Facilities

- A. Patients shall be transported by EMT or paramedic personnel to hospitals with a designated service area whenever the incident location is within the hospital's defined service area (exception: diversion for Internal Disaster). In most instances, the service area hospital is also the MAR.
- B. If a patient within the defined service area meets criteria or guidelines for a specialty care center, for care not provided by the service area hospital, this patient shall be transported to the appropriate specialty care center.
- C. Patient requests for transport to a service area hospital when the incident location is outside the hospital's defined service area or inside the service area of another hospital, may be honored by:
  - 1. EMT personnel if it is a BLS patient, the receiving hospital is contacted and agrees to accept the patient, and the transporting unit is not unreasonably removed from its primary response area.
  - 2. Paramedic personnel if the base hospital is contacted and concurs that the patient's condition is sufficiently stable to permit the estimated transport time, the requested hospital agrees to accept the patient, and the transporting unit is not unreasonably removed from its primary response area. The receiving hospital may be contacted directly if the ALS unit is transporting a BLS patient.

CROSS REFERENCE:

Prehospital Care Manual:

Ref. No. 501, **Hospital Directory**  
Ref. No. 503, **Guidelines for Hospitals Requesting Diversion of ALS Patients**  
Ref. No. 504, **Trauma Patient Destination**  
Ref. No. 506, **Trauma Triage**  
Ref. No. 508, **Sexual Assault Patient Destination**  
Ref. No. 508.1 **SART Center Roster**  
Ref. No. 509, **Service Area Hospital**  
Ref. No. 510, **Pediatric Patient Destination**  
Ref. No. 511, **Perinatal Patient Destination**  
Ref. No. 512, **Burn Patient Destination**  
Ref. No. 513, **ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction Patient Destination**  
Ref. No. 516, **Cardiac Arrest Patient Destination**  
Ref. No. 518, **Decompression Emergencies/Patient Destination**  
Ref. No. 519, **Management of Multiple Casualty Incidents**  
Ref. No. 521, **Stroke Patient Destination**  
Ref. No. 526, **Behavioral/Psychiatric Crisis Patient Destination**  
Ref. No. 528, **Intoxicated (Alcohol) Patient Destination**  
Ref. No. 838, **Application of Patient Restraints**

SUBJECT: **DOCUMENTATION OF PREHOSPITAL CARE**

PURPOSE: To identify the base hospital and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) provider procedures for documentation of prehospital care.

AUTHORITY: California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Sections 100128, 100129, 100170, 100171

#### DEFINITIONS

**EMS Response:** The physical response of an EMS provider due to activation of the EMS system with a request for medical evaluation.

**Multiple Casualty Incident (MCI):** The combination of numbers of ill/injured patients and the type of injuries going beyond the capability of an entity's normal first response.

**Patient:** A person who seeks or appears to require medical assessment and/or medical treatment.

**Patient Contact:** An EMS response that results in an actual patient or patients.

**Public Assist:** EMS is dispatched to a scene for assistance for nonmedical issues.

#### PRINCIPLES:

1. The EMS Record and the Base Hospital Form are:
  - a. Patient care records
  - b. Legal documents
  - c. Quality improvement instruments
  - d. Billing resources (EMS Record only)
  - e. Records of canceled calls, no patient found, public assist involving a person, and person contact/no patient (EMS Record only)
2. Any assessment or treatment provided to, and medical history obtained from, the patient shall be accurately and thoroughly documented on the EMS Record.
3. Any person who alters or modifies the medical record of any person, with fraudulent intent, or who, with fraudulent intent, creates any false medical record, is guilty of a misdemeanor (section 471.5 of the California Penal Code).
4. An EMS Record must be completed for every EMS response regardless of patient disposition. ~~if a provider agency is unable to submit a quarterly volume report to the EMS Agency for the following types of calls:~~
  - a. ~~Canceled calls~~
  - b. ~~No patient(s) found~~
  - c. ~~Public assist involving a person~~

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POLICY:

I. EMS Record Completion – Paramedic/EMT Personnel

- A. EMS providers shall document prehospital care according to procedures identified in the LA-EMS National Emergency Medical Services Information System (NEMSIS) Data Dictionary. ~~EMS Documentation Manual.~~

B. Electronic EMS Patient Care Record (ePCR) Completion

1. Paramedic/EMT personnel shall complete one EMS Agency approved ePCR (one for each patient) for every 9-1-1 response which includes the following:
  - a. Patient contact made
  - b. Cancelled on scene
  - c. Cancelled prior to arrival at scene
  - d. No patient contact
  - e. No patient found

B.C. Paper-Based EMS Report Form Completion

1. ~~Paramedic/EMT personnel may document on a paper-based EMS Report Form if ePCR system failure occurs. from the first responding agency shall complete one Los Angeles County EMS Agency approved EMS Report Form (one for each patient) for every 9-1-1 patient contact which includes the following:~~
  1.
  2. ~~Private EMS providers shall utilize a paper-based EMS Report Form only for patients where base contact is made unless approved to electronically submit ePCR data.~~
  3. ~~Regular runs~~
  4. ~~DOA (dead on arrival; patients determined or pronounced dead per Ref. No. 814, Determination/Pronouncement of Death in the Field)~~
  5. ~~ALS interfacility transfer patients~~
  6.
  - 7.1. ~~Electronic EMS Patient Care Record (ePCR) Completion~~
  - 8.2.
  9. ~~Paramedic/EMT personnel may document and submit prehospital care data electronically in lieu of the standard EMS Report Form if their department has received prior authorization from the EMS Agency.~~
  10. ~~Paramedic/EMT personnel shall complete one EMS Agency approved ePCR (one for each patient) for every 9-1-1 patient contact which includes the following:~~
    11.
    12. ~~Regular runs~~
    13. ~~DOA (dead on arrival; patients determined or pronounced dead per Ref. No. 814, Determination/Pronouncement of Death in the Field)~~
    14. ~~ALS interfacility transfer patients~~

G.D. Multiple Providers

1. In the event of an automatic or mutual aid incident when two first responding providers have each completed an EMS Record, or patient care is transferred from one ALS provider agency to another, each provider agency shall document the Original Sequence Number from the other provider's patient care record in the space designated for [Second-Original](#) Sequence Number. [If utilizing a paper EMS Report Form, document in the space designated for Second Sequence number.](#) DO NOT cross out or line through the imprinted Sequence Number if utilizing a paper EMS Report Form.
2. The provider agency transferring patient care must have a mechanism in place to provide immediate transfer of patient information to the transporting agency.

**D-E.** Multiple Casualty Incidents (MCI)

1. One standard EMS Record must be initiated for each patient transported in an MCI. Provider agencies may use alternate means of documenting MCIs if the EMS Agency is notified prior to implementation and agrees with the proposed process.
2. Documentation should include the following, at minimum:
  - a. Name
  - b. Provider Impression
  - c. Chief Complaint
  - d. Mechanism of Injury, if applicable
  - e. Age and units of age
  - f. Gender
  - g. Brief patient assessment
  - h. Brief description of treatment provided
  - i. Transporting provider (provider code and unit number) and level of service (ALS, BLS or Helicopter)
  - j. Destination
  - k. Receiving facility
3. Non-transported patients should be documented on a standard EMS Record or a patient log.
4. Each provider agency should submit copies of all records and logs pertaining to an MCI [of greater than 5 victims](#) to the EMS Agency within 10 business days of the incident. MCI documents should be hand carried or delivered to the EMS Agency in an envelope clearly marked with the incident date and location.

**E-F.** Completion of the EMS Record Prior to Distribution

1. EMTs and paramedics responsible for documenting prehospital care shall ensure that EMS Records are completed in their entirety prior to dissemination to the receiving facility. In most instances, this means that the record is completed at the scene or upon arrival at the receiving facility.



2. An exception to this is when a first responding agency utilizing paper-based EMS Report Forms is giving the receiving hospital (red) copy to a transporting agency. In the interest of expediting the transfer of care, it is recognized that information such as the unit times may not be documented on the receiving hospital (red) copy of the EMS Report Form.

F.G. Field Transfer of Care

1. When patient care has been transferred from the first responding ALS or BLS provider agency to a BLS provider agency for transport to a receiving facility, the provider agency receiving the patient should **NOT** generate an ePCR with a new Sequence Number (this will result in the same patient being entered into the ESO Repository ~~TEMIS~~ with two different sequence numbers).
2. The provider agency that receives the BLS patient for transport to a receiving facility shall complete their agency's ePCR and document the Sequence Number generated by the first responding ALS or BLS provider agency's ePCR on their ePCR or paper-based EMS Report Form.
3. If utilizing a paper-based EMS Report Form, the receiving hospital (red) copy of the EMS Report Form, as well as the PCR from the BLS transport provider (red copy), must accompany the patient to the receiving facility where it becomes part of the patient's medical record.
4. It is the responsibility of the EMS Provider to ensure that a completed copy of the EMS Record is provided to the receiving facility upon transfer of care.

G.H. Completion of Advanced Life Support Continuation Form

1. If utilizing a paper-based EMS Report Form, required for each patient on whom advanced airway management is necessary.
2. Paramedics completing this form must ensure that the demographic information (patient name, date, provider code/unit, incident #) and Sequence Number are legibly and accurately transcribed from the EMS Report Form.

II. Base Hospital Form - MICN and/or Physicians

- A. Base hospital personnel (MICNs and physicians) shall document prehospital care according to procedures identified in the Base Hospital Documentation Manual.
- B. Base Hospital Form Completion
  1. MICNs and/or physicians shall complete one EMS Agency approved Base Hospital Form (one for each patient in which medical direction is given) for every base hospital paramedic radio/telephone contact.
  2. MICNs and/or physicians may document base hospital data electronically in lieu of the standard Base Hospital Form if the base hospital has received prior authorization from the EMS Agency.

## C. Base Hospital Directed Multiple Casualty Incidents (MCI)

1. EMS Agency-approved MCI Base Hospital Forms may be utilized for incidents involving three or more patients.
2. Physicians and MICNs should limit requested information to **only** that which is essential to determine destination or medical management. Additional information and Sequence Numbers should be obtained after the MCI has cleared.
3. The following should be documented for MCIs involving three or more patients, when base contact is made for online medical control:
  - a. Date
  - b. Time
  - c. Sequence number/Triage tag number
  - d. Provider and unit
  - e. Chief complaint
  - f. Mechanism of injury, if applicable
  - g. Age and units of age
  - h. Gender
  - i. Brief patient assessment, when possible
  - j. Brief description of treatment provided, when possible
  - k. Transporting provider, method of transport (ALS, BLS or Helicopter)
  - l. Destination
  - m. Receiving Facility
4. Upon request of the EMS Agency the base hospital should submit all records pertaining to an MCI ~~of greater than 5 victims~~ to the EMS Agency within 10 business days.
5. Provider agencies may use alternate means of reporting MCIs. Base Hospitals will be notified by the EMS Agency when alternate reporting methods will be implemented by various provider agencies.
6. MCIs involving **ONLY** BLS patients: BLS patients who are transported to a receiving facility should be documented on one Base Hospital Form in the Comments Section (provided no medical direction is given).
7. MCIs involving ALS **and** BLS Patients:
  - a. One standard Base Hospital Form or one EMS Agency-approved MCI Base Hospital Form must be completed for each ALS patient.
  - b. BLS patients on whom no medical direction has been given do not require a Base Hospital Form. The number and disposition of the BLS patients may be documented on the Base Hospital Form of an ALS patient in the Comments Section.
8. Alternate methods of documenting MCIs may be initiated by base hospitals with the approval of the EMS Agency.

III. Modification of Patient Care Records

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- A. Modifying the Patient Care Record (additions, deletions or changes) after the Patient Care Record has been completed or disseminated:

1. An audit trail of changes made to an electronic record will be included on the ePCR.

4.2. For paper-based EMS Report Forms, make corrections by drawing a single line through the incorrect item or narrative (the writing underneath the single line must remain readable).

Make the changes on the original, noting the date and time the changes were made, with the signature of the individual making the changes adjacent to the correction. Ideally, changes should be made by the individual who initially completed the form. Under no circumstances should changes to either patient assessment or patient treatment documentation be made by an individual who did not participate in the response.

2.1. ~~An audit trail of changes made to an electronic record will be included on the ePCR.~~

- B. Making substantive changes (documentation of additional medications, defibrillation attempts, pertinent comments, complaints, etc.) to the EMS Record:

1. For electronic documentation systems, patient care related corrections are to be made as per provider agency policy. The provider agency shall notify its receiving hospital(s) of the mechanism by which ePCRs are updated and when an ePCR is updated. If the receiving hospital receives a printed copy of the record, a printed copy of the revised record will be provided directly to them.

2. Photocopy the paper-based EMS Report Form with the changes and send the copy, along with a cover letter, to all entities that received the original form (EMS Agency, receiving facility). The cover letter should explain the modifications and request that the modified copy be attached to the original

~~4.3.~~ copy.

~~2.4.~~ Do not re-write the incident on a new paper-based EMS Report Form because this would result in a mismatch in Sequence Number. If the form requiring corrections has been mutilated or soiled and cannot be photocopied, then a new form may be used to re-write the incident provided the Sequence Number of the new form has been replaced with the Sequence Number from the original form.

~~3.1.~~ ~~For electronic documentation systems, patient care related corrections are to be made as per provider agency policy. The provider agency shall notify its receiving hospital(s) of the mechanism by which ePCRs are updated and when an ePCR is updated. If the receiving hospital receives a printed copy of the record, a printed copy of the revised record will be provided directly to them.~~

#### CROSS REFERENCES:

##### Prehospital Care Manual:

Ref. No. 519, **Management of Multiple Casualty Incidents**

Ref. No. 607, **Electronic Submission of Prehospital Data**

Ref. No. 608, **Retention and Disposition of Prehospital Patient Care Records**

Ref. No. 640, **LA-EMS NEMSIS Data DictionaryEMS Documentation Manual**

Ref. No. 644, **Base Hospital Documentation Manual**



# EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT INTERFACILITY TRANSFER

## DRAFT CHECKLIST FOR STEMI RE-TRIAGE DRAFT



### 9-1-1 STEMI IFT Checklist

Yes No

- ☐ ☐ ECG read by Physician is interpreted as *acute* ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI).
- ☐ ☐ The patient is in the emergency department and not admitted to the hospital.

If no to either, do not utilize 9-1-1, contact a private ambulance to transport patient. If meets **both** criteria, follow procedure below:

- ☐ Transmit positive STEMI ECG to STEMI Receiving Center (SRC) for review by the SRC Physician.
- ☐ ED Physician: Calls SRC Physician to discuss patient.
- ☐ Verify transfer is accepted by SRC.
- ☐ Physician accepted patient.
- ☐ Facility has bed and cath lab available.
- ☐ Determine, in consultation with SRC Physician, need for EMERGENT PCI.
- For NON-emergent PCI (e.g. urgent or NSTEMI), arrange for appropriate level of care transport (BLS, ALS or RN) via private ambulance. **Do not call 9-1-1** and follow hospital policy for transfer.
- ☐ Immediately prepare patient for transport: Copy ED records including all ECGs, initial EMS Report Form including field ECG when applicable, labs, relevant diagnostic imaging, etc.
- ☐ Ensure hospital-specific transfer paperwork completed.
- ☐ For **EMERGENT PCI ONLY**, if ETA is greater than 10 minutes for private ambulance transport, call 9-1-1 for transport (after patient and paperwork is prepared).
- ☐ ED RN: Calls SRC and gives patient report to accepting RN or house supervisor.

Patient Name

Medical Record #

Sending Hospital

Receiving Hospital

Accepting MD

Report given to

PROVIDE COPY TO TRANSPORTING AGENCY

Completed by (print): \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT INTERFACILITY TRANSFER **DRAFT** CHECKLIST FOR TRAUMA RE-TRIAGE **DRAFT**



## 9-1-1 Trauma Re-Triage Checklist

Yes No

☐ ☐ Patient meets Trauma Re-Triage Criteria, circle criteria(s) met:

Perfusion:

- Persistent signs of poor perfusion
- Need for immediate blood replacement

Respiratory

- Intubation required

GCS/Neurologic

- GCS < 9
- GCS deteriorating by 2 or more during observation

Anatomic

- Penetrating injuries to head, neck, chest, or abdomen
- Neurovascular compromise or loss of pulses to extremities

Provider Judgment

- Patients with high likelihood of needing emergent life or limb saving interventions within 2 hours, as determined by the emergency physician

☐ ☐ Patient is in the emergency department and not admitted to the hospital.

If no to either, do not utilize 9-1-1, contact a private ambulance to transport patient. If meets **both** criteria, follow procedure below:

- ☐ ED physician: Calls designated Trauma Center for a “9-1-1 Trauma Re-Triage” and speaks to Trauma Surgeon or ED Physician.
- ☐ Verify transfer is accepted by the Trauma Center.
  - ☐ Physician accepted patient.
  - ☐ Facility has capacity.
- ☐ Immediately prepare patient for transport: Copy ED records initial EMS Report Form including field ECG when applicable, labs, relevant diagnostic imaging, etc.
- ☐ Ensure hospital-specific transfer paperwork completed.
- ☐ Call 9-1-1 for transportation when patient is ready for transport. If patient **does not meet** the above trauma re-triage criteria, **do not call 9-1-1**, arrange for private ambulance transport.
- ☐ ED RN: Calls Trauma Center and provides report to accepting RN or house supervisor.

Patient Name

Medical Record #

Sending Hospital

Receiving Hospital

Accepting MD

Report given to

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Completed by (print): \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



PRINCIPLES:

1. Base Contact is made by paramedics to establish online medical direction for additional guidance on field care beyond what is contained in the offline treatment protocols.
2. Once the patient is no longer present and under the care of the paramedic medical direction is not needed. Therefore, this policy does not apply and Base Contact is not required.
3. Base Contact for all patients shall be made according to the requirements below and at the judgment of the treating paramedic. Access to online medical direction is not limited to those conditions listed below.
4. For children 13 to 36 months of age, Base Contact and/or transport is required, except those with no medical complaint or with isolated minor extremity injury.
5. Children less than or equal to 12 months of age must be transported in accordance with [Ref. No. 510](#), regardless of provider impression or field treatment rendered, and if a parent or caregiver refuses transport, Base Contact shall be made prior to signing the patient out Against Medical Advice (AMA).
6. Base Contact criteria below still apply if the patient is on scene and refusing transport (AMA). This includes parents or legal guardians who refuse transport of a pediatric patient.
7. This document provides a quick reference list for Base Contact requirements; it does not replace the treatment protocols or the guidance there within, which shall be followed at all times unless otherwise directed by online medical direction.

GUIDELINES:

1. Base Contact is required when consultation with the base would be helpful such as:
  - a. Patient presentation renders the provider impression and appropriate treatment protocol unclear

b. Additional or unlisted treatments are required

b.c. Multiple casualty incidents when guidance is needed on management priorities and/or patient destination

~~2. Base Contact is required when five or more patients require transport (contacting the Medical Alert Center constitutes Base Contact).~~

~~3.2.~~ Base Contact is required for children who meet transport guidelines to a Pediatric Medical Center ([Ref. 510](#))

~~4.3.~~ Base Contact is required for patients in traumatic full arrest who do not meet criteria for determination of death per [Ref. 814](#). In these instances, Base Contact shall be made with the Trauma Center.

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5.4. Base Contact is required for the following provider impressions in all patients:

- a. Agitated Delirium
- b. Anaphylaxis
- c. Cardiac Arrest – Non-traumatic (unless patient meets determination of death by Ref. 814)
- d. Childbirth
- e. Dystonic Reaction
- f. Hypotension
- g. Respiratory Failure
- h. Shock
- i. Stroke / CVA / TIA

6.5. Additionally, Base Contact is required for the following provider impressions in pediatric patients:

- a. BRUE
- b. Chest Pain – Suspected Cardiac / Chest Pain - STEMI
- c. Pregnancy/Labor
- d. Newborn

7.6. Base Contact is required for the following provider impressions under the specified conditions:

- a. Airway Obstruction
  - Severe respiratory distress or respiratory arrest
- b. Altered Level of Consciousness (ALOC)
  - Persistent ALOC of unclear etiology
- c. Cardiac Dysrhythmia
  - Rapid atrial fibrillation with poor perfusion
  - Symptomatic bradycardia
  - Wide complex tachycardia
- d. Medical Device Malfunction
  - Ventricular Assist Device (VAD) malfunction

**Treatment Protocol: BASE CONTACT REQUIREMENTS**

**Ref. No. 1200.2**

- e. Overdose / Poisoning / Ingestion
  - If signing out AMA
- f. Pregnancy Complication
  - >20 weeks with vaginal bleeding
- g. Respiratory Distress (of any etiology e.g. Bronchospasm, Pulmonary Edema, Other)
  - Severe respiratory distress unresponsive or not amenable to CPAP
  - Unmanageable airway
- h. Seizure
  - Pregnant patient
  - Status epilepticus
- i. Submersion / Drowning
  - ALOC
  - Decompression illness
- j. Traumatic Injury
  - Crush syndrome
  - Prolonged entrapment >30 minutes
  - Trauma criteria or guidelines met
  - Traumatic arrest not meeting criteria for determination of death per Ref. 814

8-7. Base Contact is required concurrently when the following treatments are initiated:

- a. Adenosine in pediatric patients
- b. Cardioversion
- c. Push-dose epinephrine
- d. Transcutaneous pacing

9-8. Base Contact is required prior to initiating the following treatments:

- a. Additional dosing of normal saline or medications (e.g., midazolam, opiate analgesia) after the maximum dose is administered per protocol
- b. Calcium chloride for patients with calcium channel blocker overdose
- c. Cardioversion of a patient with adequate perfusion, or awake with a narrow complex tachycardia, or any atrial fibrillation
- d. Midazolam for treatment of agitation in a patient with behavioral/psychiatric crisis
- e. IO placement beyond the indications listed in [MCG 1375](#)

- f. Sodium bicarbonate for symptomatic bradycardia with suspected hyperkalemia or for dysrhythmia due to possible tricyclic antidepressant or other toxic overdose
- g. Transcutaneous pacing if HR >40



**Base Hospital Contact: Required for all patients with symptomatic bradycardia**

1. Assess patient's airway and initiate basic and/or advanced airway maneuvers prn ([MCG 1302](#))
  2. If foreign body suspected, perform direct laryngoscopy for foreign body removal and treat in conjunction with [TP 1234-P, Airway Obstruction](#)
  3. Administer **Oxygen** prn ([MCG 1302](#))  
**High-flow Oxygen 15L/min** for poor perfusion ①
  4. Initiate cardiac monitoring ([MCG 1308](#))  
Perform 12-lead ECG if dysrhythmia suspected prn
  5. For poor perfusion:  
Begin bag-mask-ventilation (BMV) ①
  6. Establish vascular access prn ([MCG 1375](#))
  7. Administer **Normal Saline 20mL/kg IV/IO rapid infusion** per [MCG 1309](#)
  8. For persistent poor perfusion and alert: ②  
**Epinephrine (0.1mg/1mL) 0.01mg/kg slow IV/IO push**, dose per [MCG 1309](#)  
Repeat every 3-5 min  
**CONTACT BASE** for Physician Consultation concurrent with above treatment
  9. For persistent poor perfusion and ALOC: ②  
Begin Chest compressions  
**Epinephrine (0.1mg/1mL) 0.01mg/kg slow IV/IO push**, dose per [MCG 1309](#)  
Repeat every 3-5 min  
**CONTACT BASE** for Physician Consultation concurrent with above treatment
  10. If suspected AV Block or patient unresponsive to epinephrine: ③  
**Atropine (0.1mg/mL) 0.02 mg/kg IV/IO push**, dose per [MCG 1309](#)  
May repeat x1 in 5 min
  11. Consider **Transcutaneous Pacing (TCP)** for HR  $\leq$  40 with continued poor perfusion ([MCG 1365](#))  
For infants and young children place pacing pads anterior and posterior chest; for older children place as per adult patients ④  
Recommended initial settings: rate ~~70-70bpm~~ ~~/current 40-0mA~~ ( ~~100 bpm/40mA~~ for children if < 12 months old), initial current 40 mA and slowly increase mAs until capture is achieved  
**CONTACT BASE** concurrent with initiation of TCP
- If TCP will be utilized for the awake patient, consider sedation and analgesia  
For sedation:  
**Midazolam (5mg/mL) 0.1mg/kg IV/IO or 0.2mg IM/IN**, dose per [MCG 1309](#)  
May repeat in 5 min prn x1 with Base order, maximum single dose 5mg  
For pain management: refer to [MCG 1345, Pain Management](#)  
Dose per [MCG 1309](#)



12. For nausea or vomiting in patients  $\geq 4$  years old:

**Ondansetron 4mg ODT**

13. For suspected overdose, treat in conjunction with [TP 1241-P, Overdose/Poisoning/Ingestion](#) 5







**SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- ❶ Management of oxygenation and ventilation is the most important aspect of treatment of bradycardia in children. Squeeze the bag mask device just until chest rise is initiated and then release; state "Squeeze, Release, Release" to prevent hyperventilation. Young athletes, typically adolescents may have normal resting heart rates < 60 bpm, treat only if signs of poor perfusion.
- ❷ For pediatric patients with bradycardia (HR <60 bpm) unresponsive to bag-mask ventilation and continued poor perfusion who remain alert, support perfusion with fluid resuscitation and epinephrine administration. For patients with persistent poor perfusion and ALOC, begin chest compressions, administer epinephrine and assess need for TCP. If you have concerns about initiating these therapies contact Base Physician for further guidance.
- ❸ Potential causes of unresponsiveness to epinephrine in children include increased intracranial pressure, beta blocker/calcium channel overdose, hypothyroidism, infection, congenital heart disease, and sleep apnea where administration of atropine could be of theoretical benefit.
- ❹ There is minimal data on the use of TCP in infants and children in the out-of-hospital setting. Patients unresponsive to BMV and epinephrine may be candidates. Base Physician consultation is recommended in these patients.
- ❺ Consider calcium channel blocker and beta blocker overdose in patients with bradycardia and hypotension. Ask about potential exposures including medications in the home. Hyperglycemia is a common finding with calcium channel blocker overdose.



**Base Hospital Contact: Required for status epilepticus or pregnant patients**

1. Assess airway and initiate basic and/or airway maneuvers prn ([MCG 1302](#)) ①
2. Administer **Oxygen** prn ([MCG 1302](#))
3. Assess for signs of trauma  
If traumatic injury suspected, treat in conjunction with [TP 1244-P, Traumatic Injury](#)
4. Initiate cardiac monitoring prn ([MCG 1308](#))
5. Establish vascular access prn ([MCG 1375](#))
6. If seizure stops spontaneously prior to EMS arrival and no seizure witnessed by EMS:  
Document Provider Impression – *Seizure - Post*
7. For active seizure witnessed by EMS: ② ③

**0-16 months (Gray, Pink, Red)**

**Midazolam (5mg/mL) 0.2mg/kg IM/IN**, dose per [MCG 1309](#)  
Repeat x1 in 2 min prn, up to 2 doses prior to Base contact

**17 months – 5 years (Purple, Yellow, White if age unknown)**

**Midazolam (5mg/mL) 2.5 mg or 0.5mL IM/IN**  
Repeat x1 in 2 min prn, up to 2 doses prior to Base contact

**6-11 Years (Blue, Orange, Green if age unknown)**

**Midazolam (5mg/mL) 5mg or 1mL IM/IN**  
Repeat x1 in 2 min prn, up to 2 doses prior to Base contact

**≥12 years (Adult dosing)**

**Midazolam (5mg/mL) 10 mg or 2mL IM/IN**  
Single dose prior to Base contact

**CONTACT BASE** for persistent seizure and for additional medication orders: ④

May repeat **Midazolam** as above, maximum total of 3 doses or 20 milligrams, whichever is less.

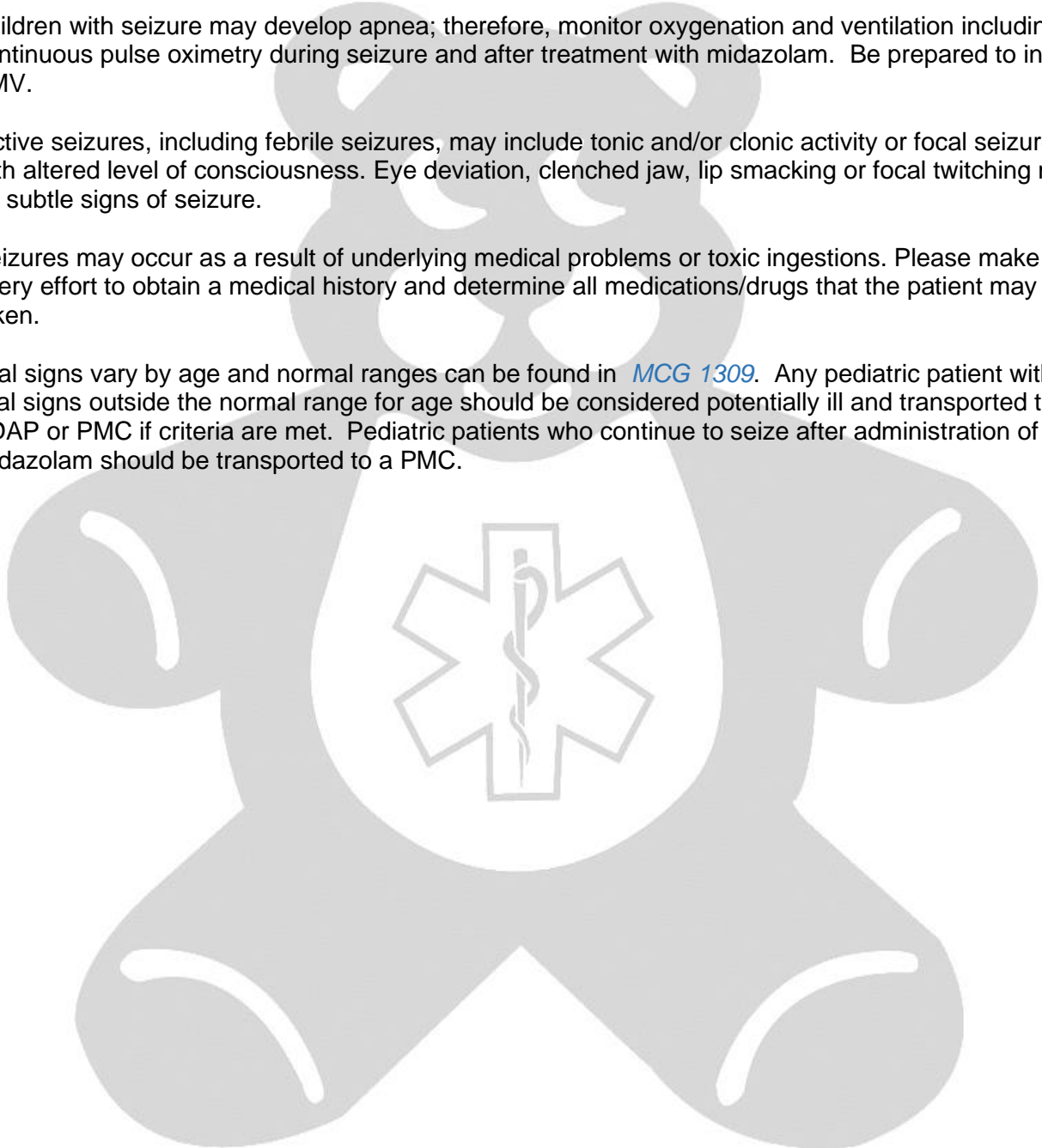
Document Provider Impression – *Seizure – Active*, even if seizure spontaneously resolves

8. For persistent seizure or persistent ALOC:  
Check blood glucose  
If < 60mg/dL or > 250mg/dL, treat in conjunction with [TP 1203-P, Diabetic Emergencies](#)



**SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- ❶ Children with seizure may develop apnea; therefore, monitor oxygenation and ventilation including continuous pulse oximetry during seizure and after treatment with midazolam. Be prepared to initiate BMV.
- ❷ Active seizures, including febrile seizures, may include tonic and/or clonic activity or focal seizure with altered level of consciousness. Eye deviation, clenched jaw, lip smacking or focal twitching may be subtle signs of seizure.
- ❸ Seizures may occur as a result of underlying medical problems or toxic ingestions. Please make every effort to obtain a medical history and determine all medications/drugs that the patient may have taken.
- ❹ Vital signs vary by age and normal ranges can be found in [MCG 1309](#). Any pediatric patient with vital signs outside the normal range for age should be considered potentially ill and transported to an EDAP or PMC if criteria are met. Pediatric patients who continue to seize after administration of midazolam should be transported to a PMC.



**Classification**

Sedative, benzodiazepine

**Prehospital Indications**

Agitated Delirium: patients requiring restraints for patient and provider safety  
Behavioral / Psychiatric Crisis: patients requiring restraints for patient and provider safety  
Cardiac Dysrhythmia: sedation prior to and/or during synchronized cardioversion or transcutaneous pacing  
Sedation and amnesic agent for patients receiving manual/mechanical ventilation if already intubated  
Seizure - Active

**Adult Dose**

Agitated Delirium / Behavioral / Psychiatric Crisis  
**5mg (1mL) IM/IN/IV**, repeat x1 in 5 min prn, maximum total dose prior to Base contact 10mg for Agitated Delirium (Psychiatric Crisis requires Base order prior to any medication administered)  
Cardiac Dysrhythmia - sedation prior to synchronized cardioversion / transcutaneous pacing  
**5mg (1mL) slow IV/IO push/IM/IN**, may repeat x1 in 5 min prn, maximum total dose prior to Base contact 10mg  
Seizure - Active  
**5mg (1mL) IV/IO**, repeat x1 in 2 min prn, maximum total dose prior to Base contact 10 mg  
**10mg (2mL) IM/IN**, contact Base for additional dosing  
With Base Contact may repeat as above up to a maximum total dose of 20mg

**Pediatric Dose**

Agitated Delirium / Behavioral / Psychiatric Crisis  
**0.1mg/kg (5mg/mL) IV** or **0.2mg/kg (5mg/mL) IM/IN**, dose per [MCG 1309](#), repeat x1 in 5 min, maximum single dose 5mg, maximum total dose prior to Base contact 10mg for Agitated Delirium (Psychiatric Crisis requires a Base order prior to any medication administered)  
Cardiac Dysrhythmia - sedation prior to synchronized cardioversion / transcutaneous pacing  
**0.1mg/kg (5mg/mL) IV/IO** or **0.2mg/kg (5mg/mL) IM/IN**, dose per [MCG 1309](#), repeat dosing every 5 min prn per Base order, maximum single dose 5mg  
Seizure - Active  
**0-16 months (Gray, Pink, Red)**  
**0.2mg/kg (5mg/mL) IM/IN**, dose per [MCG 1309](#)  
Repeat x1 in 2 min prn, up to 2 doses prior to Base contact  
  
**17 months – 5 years (Purple, Yellow, White if age unknown)**  
2.5 mg or 0.5mL IM/IN repeat x1 in 2 min prn  
Repeat x1 in 2 min prn, up to 2 doses prior to Base contact  
  
**6-11 Years (Blue, Orange, Green if age unknown)**  
5mg or 1mL IM/IN repeat x1 in 2 min prn  
Repeat x1 in 2 min prn, up to 2 doses prior to Base contact  
  
**≥12 years (Adult dosing)**  
10 mg or 2mL IM/IN repeat x1 in 2 min prn,  
Single dose prior to Base contact

May repeat **Midazolam** as above, maximum total of 3 doses or 20 milligrams, whichever is less

**Mechanism of Action**

Binds to receptors at several sites within the CNS, potentiates GABA receptor system which produces anxiolytic, anticonvulsant, muscle relaxant, and amnesic effects.

**Pharmacokinetics**

Onset 3-5 min IV, 15-20 min IM, 6-14 min IN

Duration 1-6 hours IV/IM

**Contraindications**

Respiratory depression  
Shock / Poor perfusion (see prehospital considerations)

**Interactions**

Risk of respiratory or central nervous system depression, increases when used with diphenhydramine, fentanyl, morphine, or other opiate or sedative medications

**Adverse Effects**

Hypotension  
Respiratory depression / arrest

**Prehospital Considerations**

- Closely monitor respiratory and cardiac function after administration
- Caution in patients with suspected alcohol intoxication as midazolam can increase the risk for respiratory depression
- For patients with agitated delirium and violent behavior, IM/IN administration is recommended over IV for the initial dose for the safety of EMS personnel.
- If available, waveform EtCO<sub>2</sub> monitoring should be instituted after administration.
- For patients who are poorly perfusing and require sedation for safety (e.g., prevent inadvertent extubation) or require a painful procedure (e.g., transcutaneous pacing), one should use judgment in consultation with Base.

## Medical Control Guideline: TRANSCUTANEOUS PACING

### PRINCIPLES:

1. Transcutaneous Pacing (TCP) provides temporary external cardiac pacing for the treatment of symptomatic bradycardia for patients who are unresponsive to airway management or drug therapy.
2. TCP should not be initiated on patients in asystole.
3. Do not delay TCP for IV access if the patient has poor perfusion.
4. Strongly consider sedation for pacing discomfort. Refer to *TP 1212 or 1212-P, Cardiac Dysrhythmia - Bradycardia* for drugs and dosages.
5. All TCP equipment must be used and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines.

### GUIDELINES:

1. Explain the procedure to the patient, family member, and/or caregiver.
2. For awake patients, provide sedation and analgesia unless contraindicated. Contraindications include RR < 10 for adults (for pediatrics < lower limit for color code on *MCG 1309*) or unresponsiveness.
3. Place pacing pads in anterior (black)/posterior (red) (A/P) position and connect ECG cable.
4. Activate the pacing device, set the initial pacing rate at ~~30 beats per minute (bpm) above the intrinsic rate or~~ 70 bpm ~~for adults and/or~~ 100 bpm for children less than 12 months of age.
5. Set the current at 40 milliamperes (mAs). Slowly increase the mA until electrical and mechanical capture is achieved as evidenced by a **palpable pulse** that correlates with the paced heart rate on the monitor. Once capture is noted increase the mAs by 10mAs to ensure ongoing capture.
6. If current is increased to 120-130 mAs without capture; reposition the pacer pads on the upper right chest and at the apex of the heart and reattempt pacing and capturing as above.
7. If the patient continues to exhibit signs and symptoms of poor perfusion, increase the rate by 10 bpm until adequate perfusion is achieved. Maximum rate is 100 bpm for adults and 120 bpm for children.



## Medical Control Guideline: TRAUMATIC HEMORRHAGE CONTROL

### PRINCIPLES:

1. Applying direct continuous pressure to the area of bleeding should be the first management technique to control external bleeding.
2. Tourniquets have been demonstrated to be safe and effective when used appropriately and can be lifesaving.
3. A hemorrhage control tourniquet should be used if external bleeding from an extremity cannot be controlled by direct pressure to an exposed wound.
4. Poorly perfusing patients with an isolated penetrating extremity injury and those with amputations or mangled extremities should have a tourniquet applied even if minimal to no visible bleeding.
5. Tourniquet application may be the initial method to control extremity bleeding when scene safety concerns, resource limitations, or patient positioning/entrapment preclude direct pressure application.
6. Tourniquet application frequently results in severe pain. Pain management should be provided as necessary.
7. Hemostatic Agents are only to be utilized by approved providers.
8. Tranexamic acid (TXA) acts to prevent clot breakdown and improves outcomes for trauma patients with hemorrhagic shock if administered within 3 hours of injury, with increasing benefit the sooner it is administered.

### GUIDELINES:

1. First, remove any bandages applied by patient or bystanders (this may include tourniquets if they are inappropriately applied, ineffective or obstructing care), identify the area of bleeding, and apply continuous, firm, focused pressure directly to source of bleeding using gauze or hemostatic agents as appropriate.
2. If unable to control hemorrhage with direct pressure, or if scene or patient safety precludes application of direct pressure, prepare for tourniquet application.
3. Explain usage of tourniquet to the patient if patient's condition allows.
4. Follow manufacturer's instructions for application of the tourniquet.
5. Apply tourniquet 2-3 inches proximal to the bleeding site but not over a joint or the hemorrhaging injury.
6. Ensure that bleeding is stopped and distal pulses are absent after the application of the tourniquet.
7. Once a tourniquet is applied, the patient should be reassessed at least every 5 minutes

for continued absence of distal pulse and/or bleeding.

8. If bleeding is not controlled with one tourniquet, a second tourniquet may be applied proximal to the first tourniquet. -Do not remove the first tourniquet after applying the second tourniquet.
9. Once a tourniquet is properly applied by EMS it should not be loosened or removed without physician approval.
10. Provide analgesia when tourniquets are placed per *MCG 1345* and refer to *TP 1244 or 1244-P, Traumatic Injury* and *TP 1242 or 1242-P, Crush Injury/Syndrome* as appropriate for dosing.
11. For adult patients within 3 hours of injury and uncontrolled external/extremity bleeding despite applying pressure, and use of hemostatic agents and tourniquets where appropriate, administer TXA per MCG 1317.41.
12. For adult patients within 3 hours of injury with suspected uncompressible truncal hemorrhage and systolic blood pressure (SBP) <90mmHg OR heart rate>SBP, administer TXA per MCG 1317.41.
13. Paramedics shall make Base hospital contact and transport in accordance with *Ref. 1200.1* and *Ref. 502, Patient Destination*. In general, patients requiring tourniquets and/or TXA should be transported to a Trauma Center.
14. Paramedic shall document the time tourniquet applied on the tourniquet and on the EMS electronic Patient Care Record (ePCR). Remaining patient documentation will be in accordance with *Ref. 606, Documentation of Prehospital Care*.