PURPOSE: The STEMI Receiving Center (SRC) Advisory – Quality Improvement Committee (SRCA–QIC) through a system-wide approach and peer review, will monitor, evaluate, and facilitate the quality improvement process for the STEMI Receiving Center program.

AUTHORITY: Health and Safety Code Division 2.5  
California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9  
California Evidence Code, Section 1157.7  
California Civil Code, Part 2.6, Section 56.

PRINCIPLES:

1. The proceedings of the of the SRCA-QIC shall be free from disclosure and discovery (Section 1157.7, California Evidence Code) and held as a confidential peer review meeting with all communications deemed part of the peer review process.

2. Care of the patient with a ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) requires a system-wide approach to ensure delivery of the highest standard of care.

POLICY:

I. The SRCA-QIC shall:

A. Review the SRC Quality Improvement Program from a system perspective.

B. Develop current system-wide standards.

C. Identify system issues, developing a plan for improvement, and monitoring results of the SRC system-wide quality improvement program.

D. Meet biannually, at a minimum

II. The SRCA-QI membership shall consist of the following:

A. SRC Medical Program Director from each SRC.

B. SRC Clinical Program Director from each SRC.

C. EMS Agency Medical Director and designated staff.

D. Other individuals, invited as Ad Hoc members, whose presence is germane to the SRC system and quality assurance/improvement process.
III. The EMS Agency shall:

A. Perform periodic evaluation of the SRC program, including hospital-specific programs.

B. Provide system-wide reports and analysis of SRC program data to the committee.

C. Provide meeting notifications, attendance rosters, agendas, and minutes.

D. Maintain all records in a confidential manner.

CROSS REFERENCE:

Prehospital Care Manual:

Ref. No. 320, ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction Receiving Center Standards
Ref. No. 513, ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction Patient Destination
Ref. No. 618, EMS Quality Improvement Program Committees
Ref. No. 620, EMS Quality Improvement Program