

# ACCREDITATION OBJECTIVES



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## ACCREDITATION OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of the accreditation program, the participant will be able to:

Discuss the responsibilities of the Base Hospital in supervising the medical care rendered by paramedics and MICNs.

*Reference #[304](#)*

Discuss the ALS unit staffing requirements for 911 and inter-facility transport.

*Reference #[408](#) & [409](#)*

Describe the principles used to determine patient destination.

*Reference #[502](#) & [517](#)*

Discuss the criteria when hospitals can divert an ALS or BLS ambulance.

*Reference #[503](#)*

Identify the proper destination for trauma patients.

*Reference #[506](#) & [506.1](#)*

Identify the appropriate destination for a victim of sexual assault.

*Reference #[508](#) & [508.1](#)*

State the age that determines when the destination should be a pediatric specialty care center.

*Reference #[510](#)*

Identify the different destinations that a pediatric patient may be transported to.

*Reference #[510](#) & *ALTE* handout*

Discuss the assessment findings used in determining the destination of a pregnant patient.

*Reference #[511](#)*

State the destination appropriate for a burn patient without major trauma.

*Reference #[512](#) & [1138](#)*

Give the rationale why specific burn patients must be transported to a trauma hospital.

*Reference #[512](#) & [1138](#)*

Identify proper management of patients with a STEMI identified by a 12 lead EKG.

*Reference #[513](#) & 1302*

Identify the appropriate destination for a cardiac arrest patient with ROSC.

*Reference #[513](#) & #[516](#)*

Discuss how patient destination is determined during a multi casualty incident

Reference #[519](#), [519.1](#), [519.2](#), [519.3](#), [519.4](#)

Identify a possible stroke patient using the modified LAPSS criteria and the appropriate destination hospital.

Reference #[521](#)

Identify the requirements for confidentiality, documentation and disposition of the ems patient care record.

Reference #[602](#), [606](#), [608](#), & [612](#)

Describe the procedure to ensure accountability and the responsibilities for controlled drugs issued to an ALS Unit.

Reference #[702](#)

Discuss how Ref #802 impacts ALS field treatment procedures.

Reference #[802](#), & [802.1](#)

Determine the skills, medications, and standards of care authorized in the Los Angeles County Paramedic Scope of Practice.

Reference #[803](#), [803.1](#), [806](#), [806.1](#), 1200 Series (*Treatment Protocols*), 1300 Series (*Medical Control Guidelines*), & *Pediatric Airway Study handout*

Discuss how application of Ref #806 benefits timely initiation of patient care.

Reference #[806](#) & [806.1](#)

Identify the procedures and treatments allowed prior to base hospital contact or when contact cannot be established.

Reference #[806](#) & [806.1](#)

Compare and contrast the patient situations in which Paramedics are required to make base contact or must transport.

Reference #[808](#) & [808.1](#)

Identify situations when resuscitation efforts may be withheld or discontinued without making base station contact.

Reference #[814](#) & *Policies Related to Death and Dying handout*

Discuss the procedures that must be performed and documented for determination or pronouncement of death in the field when ROSC has not occurred.

Reference #[814](#)

Describe treatments that can be given or withheld based on instructions contained in Advance Health Care Directives (AHCD) and Physician's Order for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST).

Reference #[814](#), [815](#), [815.1](#), [815.2](#) & *Policies Related to Death and Dying handout*

Explain the differences between pronouncement and determination of death.

Reference #[814](#)

Explain the procedure that allows a physician at scene to assume responsibility of patient care.  
*Reference #*[816](#)

Identify the specific abusive situations that must be reported by Paramedics.  
*Reference #*[508](#), [822](#) & [823](#)

Discuss the proper disposition of minors when no treatment or transport is required.  
*Reference #*[832](#)

Compare and contrast between situations where a patient is “released at scene” to those where they are left “Against Medical Advice” (AMA).  
*Reference #*[832](#) & [834](#)

Discuss the documentation elements to be followed to allow a patient to remain on scene “against medical advice” (AMA).  
*Reference #*[832](#) & [834](#)

Describe how competence is determined for purposes of treatment and transport.  
*Reference #*[834](#)

Describe the procedures to be followed by field personnel when a patient declines treatment or transport.  
*Reference #*[834](#)

Compare and contrast the types of restraints that are approved and those that are prohibited in Los Angeles County.  
*Reference #*[838](#)

State the complications that can arise from the use of unapproved restraining procedures.  
*Reference #*[838](#)

Describe the procedure for maintaining continuous accreditation/certification for Paramedics/MICNs in Los Angeles County.  
*Reference #*[1006](#), [1010](#), & [903](#)

Describe the field presentation of an Apparent Life Threatening Event (ALTE).  
*ALTE handout*

State the assessment and reporting requirements for pediatric weights in Los Angeles County.  
*Reference #*1328

Illustrate the indications and benefits of using CPAP for a patient in respiratory distress.  
*Reference #*1249 & *Reference #*1312

Differentiate between mechanisms of injury that result in Crush Injury and those that lead to Crush Syndrome.  
*Crush Syndrome handout & Reference #*1273

Describe the field management for Crush Injury/Syndrome.  
*Crush Syndrome handout & Reference #1273*

Describe methods to increase success of first attempt intubation.  
*Difficult Airway handout & ALS Skills handout*

Explain the indications and contraindications of the Flex Guide ET Tube Introducer.  
*Difficult Airway handout & ALS Skills handout*

Describe the methods used to verify successful intubation.  
*Difficult Airway handout, Reference #1304 and ALS Skills handout*

Discuss the appropriate management for administration of oxygen in field.  
*Oxygen Administration handout & Reference 1304*

Distinguish disease processes where oxygen administration therapy has not demonstrated to be scientifically beneficial.  
*Oxygen Administration handout & Reference 1304*

Describe the field management of nerve agent exposure including use of 2-PAMCl (Pralidoxime Chloride) and Atropine.  
*Reference #1225, WMD Drug Card handouts – Protopam (DuoDote), Diazepam, Atropine, & DuoDote Training*

Describe the proper management of pain in the field including recognition, assessment using various scales and application of specific interventions including medications.  
*Reference #1248, [815.2](#) & Reference #1326, Pain Management handout & Policies Related to Death and Dying handout*

Identify the indications and which Pre-existing Vascular Access Devices Paramedics are able to access in Los Angeles County.  
*PVAD handout and PVAD Skill*

Describe the difficulties in managing a patient with a tracheostomy.  
*Tracheostomy Care handout & Suctioning – Tracheostomy and Stoma Care Skill*

Discuss ALS to BLS downgrade and potential implications for patient care.  
*Reference #[808](#) & ALS to BLS downgrade handout*

Explain Agitated Delirium and the potential implications for patient care.  
*Reference #1241 & Reference #1310, Agitated Delirium handout & Nasal Drug Delivery handout, Midazolam (Versed) Drug Card*

Explain rationale for Paramedics not removing taser darts and/or performing medical clearance in the field.  
*Reference #1310*

*Discuss the process in determining the appropriate level of spinal motion restriction.  
Reference #[1334](#) and EMS Update 2014 [Training](#)*

Discuss the indications and appropriate management of a patient using inhaled epinephrine.  
*Reference #1249 and Nasal Drug Delivery handout*

Discuss the appropriate use of Ondansetron (Zofran).  
*Reference #1202, Ondansetron handout*

Describe the field treatment for assisting patients with emergency medications.  
*Reference #802, [802.1](#), [803](#) & [803.1](#), Assisting Patients with Emergency Medications handout*

Describe the ethical responsibilities of an EMS Healthcare provider.  
*Reference #1301*

## **Skills Information**

Discuss the proper use of the ET Tube Introducer (Flex Guide).  
*ALS Skills handout*

Identify the indications and proper landmarks for performing a needle thoracostomy.  
*ALS Skills handout*

Describe the proper technique for administering intranasal medications using the Mucosal Administration Device (MAD).  
*ALS Skills Handout*

Illustrate the proper technique for insertion of the King LTS-D airway.  
*ALS Skills Handout*

Discuss the proper technique for accessing Pre-existing Vascular Access Devices.  
*ALS Skills handout and PVAD handout*

## Policy Manual - [Index](#)

Treatment Protocols – Reference 1200 series

Medical Control Guidelines – Reference 1300 series

Base Hospital – Reference 300 series

Provider Agencies – Reference 400 series

Patient Destination – Reference 500 series

Record Keeping/Documentation – Reference 600 series

Equipment/Pharmaceuticals – Reference 700 series

Scope of Practice/Field Procedures – Reference 800 series

Paramedic Intern Clinical Experience and Field Internship Requirements – Reference [903](#)

Paramedic Accreditation – Reference [1006](#)

Disaster – Reference 1100

EMS Update 2014 Training – [UCLA CPC](#)

*Materials above are subject to testing.*