

# Monterey County EMS System Policy



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## **EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS FOR EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to establish educational standards for emergency department personnel in Monterey County as a means to ensure effective continuation of patient care from the prehospital setting through the emergency department.

### **II. DEFINITIONS**

- A. Advanced Life Support (ALS) Base Hospital is a hospital designated by the Monterey County EMS Agency to provide online medical control of the prehospital EMS system, to cooperate in the Quality Improvement process, and to provide EMS continuing education opportunities for prehospital personnel.
- B. Advanced Life Support (ALS) Receiving Hospital is a hospital designated by the Monterey County EMS Agency, which has a written agreement with Monterey County to receive patients on whom ALS has been instituted in the field by ALS personnel.

### **III. POLICY**

- A. Advanced Life Support Receiving Hospital Minimum Standards
  - 1. All Facility personnel, who provide direct emergency patient care, will maintain current licensure by the State of California in their respected fields.
  - 2. All Facility personnel, who provide direct emergency patient care, will maintain current hospital credentialing in basic cardiac life support.
  - 3. Emergency department physicians, physician assistants, and nurses, who provide direct emergency patient care, shall be trained in advanced life support care of the emergency patient and be familiar with prehospital emergency medical care.
  - 4. Emergency department physicians shall be credentialed, with current privileges, by their hospital as Emergency Physicians.
- B. Advanced Life Support (ALS) Base Hospital Minimum Standards
  - 1. All facility personnel, who provide direct emergency patient care, will maintain current licensure by the State of California in their respected fields.
  - 2. All facility personnel, who provide direct emergency patient care, will maintain current hospital credentialing in basic cardiac life support.

3. Emergency department physicians, physicians assistants, and nurses, shall be trained in advanced life support care of the emergency patient and be familiar with prehospital emergency medical care.
  4. Base Hospital emergency physicians shall:
    - a) be credentialed, with current privileges, by their hospital as emergency physicians.
    - b) be knowledgeable in emergency care of the patient in the prehospital setting.
    - c) be knowledgeable about Monterey County EMS prehospital care policies, protocols, and procedures.
    - d) have training in radio and phone communication equipment and techniques related to the provision of medical control of prehospital providers.
  5. The Base Hospital Coordinator shall ensure knowledge and understanding of Monterey County EMS policies and protocols through providing regular education to the ED staff regarding Monterey County EMS policies and protocols.
  6. The Base Hospital Medical Director shall ensure knowledge and understanding of Monterey County EMS policies and protocols through providing regular education to the ED physician staff regarding Monterey County EMS policies and protocols.
- C. The EMS Agency will enter into written agreements, with each emergency department, for the level of service designated to that department, and will review annually the educational criteria held by the department's personnel.

**END OF POLICY**