

# Monterey County EMS System Policy



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## INTER-FACILITY TRANSFER-TRAUMA

### I. AUTHORITY

Authority for this policy is noted in Division 2.5, California Health and Safety Code, Sections 1798.162, 1798.163 California Code of Regulations Section 100255, 100266.

### II. PURPOSE

To establish standards for trauma patient flow to Trauma Centers from receiving hospitals.

### III. DEFINITION

- A. **“Pediatric”** or **“pediatric patient”**: An individual less than 15 years old.
- B. **"Trauma Center"** or **"designated Trauma Center"**: A licensed hospital, accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, which has been designated as a Level I, II, III or IV Trauma Center and/or Level I or II pediatric Trauma Center by the local EMS agency, in accordance with Trauma Regulations (§100248).
- C. **“Receiving Facility”**: A licensed hospital within the Trauma Service Area (Monterey County), which receives trauma patients.

### IV. POLICY

- A. Local Receiving Hospitals shall have:
  - 1. Written transfer agreements, (for both adults and children) with an appropriate designated Level I or II Trauma Center.
  - 2. Guidelines for identification of those patients who should be considered for transfer to a Trauma Center consistent with California Regional Trauma Care Committee Criteria.
  - 3. A procedure for arranging the transfer of appropriate patients (adults and pediatrics), including, but not limited to:
    - a) Notification of the receiving Trauma Center physician.
    - b) Arranging for transport by either ground or air.
- B. Trauma Center, as a condition of designation, shall have:
  - 1. Written transfer agreements with, at least, the nearest designated Level I Trauma Center, with specialty centers providing tertiary level care for burn, spinal cord injury patients, and the nearest designated pediatric Trauma Center.

2. Guidelines for identification of those patients who should be considered for transfer to a Trauma Center consistent with California Regional Trauma Care Committee Criteria.
3. A procedure for arranging the transfer of appropriate patients (adults and pediatrics), including, but not limited to:
  - a) Notification of the receiving center physician.
  - b) Arranging for transport by either ground or air.

**END OF POLICY**