

MEDICAL CONTROL AND ACCOUNTABILITY

PURPOSE

To describe medical control of activities needed to provide care to patients with traumatic injuries.

RELATED POLICIES

Trauma Triage and Destination Guidelines, #4613; Traumatic Injuries, T1

POLICY

- A. The *Marin County EMS Agency Medical Director* is the qualified physician contracted to provide services by the County of Marin and is responsible for medical direction of the overall Marin County EMS system.
- B. The *Provider Medical Director* is the qualified physician contracted or hired by a hospital or ALS provider agency to oversee medical quality issues within that agency according to that agency's approved Quality Improvement Plan.
- C. Medical control and accountability of the prehospital portion of the system will continue as currently configured.
- D. As part of an inclusive Trauma System, all acute care hospitals in Marin County who receive ambulances will receive injured patients and will participate in the Marin County Trauma System in one of the following ways:
 1. As a designated trauma center or
 2. As a receiving facility for injured patients who do not meet trauma triage criteria.
- E. All acute care hospitals in Marin County who receive ambulances will participate in trauma data collection and the Trauma Continuous Quality Improvement Process according to terms contained in their contract for services with the County of Marin.
- F. All acute care hospitals in Marin County who receive ambulances will comply with the medical control standards as established by Marin County EMS Agency.