DESTINATION GUIDELINES
ALWAYS USE STANDARD PRECAUTIONS

INDICATION
- To identify destination choices and appropriate facilities for patients in Marin County

_physician consult_
- Patient requests transport to a facility not capable of providing specific care for their needs

CRITICAL INFORMATION
- Destination choices:
  - The destination for patients shall be based upon several factors including, but not limited to the clinical capabilities of the receiving hospital, the patient’s condition, and paramedic discretion.
  - When the patient’s condition is unstable or life threatening, the patient should be transported to the time closest receiving facility:
    ▪ Patients with unmanageable airway
    ▪ Uncontrolled external hemorrhage
    ▪ CPR in progress
    ▪ Patients requiring ALS but having no paramedic in attendance
  - The following factors will be considered in determining patient destination:
    ▪ Patient condition
    ▪ Clinical capabilities of the receiving hospital
    ▪ Paramedic discretion
    ▪ Patient/family request
    ▪ Patient’s physician request or preference
  - Patients with return of spontaneous circulation post cardiac arrest will be transported to the nearest STEMI Receiving Center.
  - Burn patients, without other trauma mechanism, shall be transported by ground ambulance to the time closest emergency department.
  - Ventricular Assist Device patients: If patient is stable and complaint not related to VAD, transport per above guidelines. If VAD related: The patient may need to bypass local facilities and go to VAD center. If concerned about patient stability, refer to guidelines and request physician consult.
  - Prior to arrival, prehospital personnel must notify the receiving facility of any patient with a known history of violence, or behavior which may pose a risk to staff (disruptive, uncooperative, aggressive, unpredictable).
- Marin County receiving facilities:
  ▪ Marin General Hospital - Level III Trauma Center- Greenbrae
    ▪ Neurological Emergencies- sudden, witnessed onset of coma or rapidly deteriorating GCS with high likelihood of intracranial bleed
    ▪ Pregnant patients - 20 weeks or > with a complaint related to pregnancy
    ▪ STEMI Receiving Center (SRC)
    ▪ Primary Stroke Center
  ▪ Kaiser Permanente San Rafael - Emergency Department Approved for Trauma (EDAT) - Terra Linda
    ▪ STEMI Receiving Center (SRC)
    ▪ Primary Stroke Center
  ▪ Novato Community Hospital - Basic level receiving facility – Novato
    ▪ Primary Stroke Center

RELATED POLICIES/ PROCEDURES
- Trauma Triage & Destination Guidelines Policy 4613
- STEMI Policy C 9
- Ambulance Diversion Policy 5400
- Adult and Pediatric Sexual Assault GPC 10 and P16
- Cerebrovascular Accident (Stroke) N 4
- Burns  E4 and P12
- Ventricular Assist Device ATG 8