

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 (unless transporting to SRC for rVF)
 - 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.
 - Patients with psychiatric complaints will be transported to their preferred facility or the closest emergency department, unless specialty care (trauma, STEMI, stroke, pregnancy) is warranted
 - 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/LEMSA Designations:
 - **MarinHealth Medical Center** - 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
 - Advanced Pediatric Receiving Center (PedRC)
 - **Kaiser Permanente Medical Center San Rafael** - Emergency Department Approved for Trauma (EDAT) - Terra Linda
 - STEMI Receiving Center (SRC)
 - Primary Stroke Center
 - General Pediatric Receiving Center (PedRC)
 - **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 P M5
- Cerebrovascular Accident (Stroke) N 4
- Burns E4 and P E1
- Ventricular Assist Device ATG 8