



San Benito County Emergency Medical Services Agency

GUIDELINES FOR MEDICAL CONTROL ORDERS

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I. Prior to Contact:

Prior to Base Station contact paramedics may use the following standing orders. Base Station contact must be made as soon as possible with a verbal report of any ALS field treatment initiated. In addition, the standing orders treatment shall be documented as such on the PCR.

A. Adult and Pediatric Patients:

1. All BLS skills and treatment
2. All ALS skills and treatments except those requiring Base Station contact with Base Physician Medical Orders. See Section II for details and exceptions

While treatment protocols may be initiated for pediatric patients as indicated, every effort should be made to contact the Base Station early in the call when managing a Status III – V child.

II. Medications/Procedures Requiring Base Station Contact with Base Physician Orders

- A. Although the following orders require Base Station contact with Base Physician Medical Orders, these orders may be implemented in cases where communication with the Base Station is not possible or cannot be maintained (radio/cell phone failure).**

- 1) Adenosine for tachycardia patient >50 y/o
- 2) Lidocaine for PVC's
- 3) Morphine sulfate for non-traumatic pain relief
- 4) Morphine sulfate for pain management in the following doses:
MS >5mg for chest pain
MS >10mg burns/trauma pain relief
- 5) Epi IM for bronchospasm with patient >50 y/o and/or known Hx CAD/HTN
- 6) Use of PVADs
- 7) Albuterol with HR>160 (Adult)/HR>180 (Pediatric)
- 8) Dopamine

- B. These orders may only be implemented after direct voice contact with a Base Station Physician. **These orders may not be implemented in cases where communication with the Base Station is not possible or cannot be maintained.**

- 1) Epi 1:10,000 (IVP/IO) for Anaphylactic shock
- 2) Pronouncement of death
- 3) Versed for chemical restraint (under 14 years old)
- 4) A.L.T.E. AMA (Pediatric)

III. Orders when San Benito County-Accredited Paramedics are Traveling Into or Through Other Counties.

This section refers to those instances where paramedics are providing care for patients in other counties as part of a **strike team, ambulance task force, or mutual aid response, or are managing patients on long distance transfers**. This section does not apply when paramedics have crossed the San Benito County line on emergency calls to immediately adjacent parts of contiguous counties.

- 1) **Standing Orders**, as described in **Section I, are allowed**
- 2) **Orders requiring Base Station Contact**, as described in **Section II A, are allowed**. Once a paramedic has left San Benito County these orders may be implemented without Base Station contact
- 3) **Orders Requiring Direct Permission by a Base Station Physician**, as described in **Section II B, are NOT**