



## San Benito County Emergency Medical Services Agency

### ACCESSING PRE-VASCULAR ACCESS DEVICES (PVAD)

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#### I. Purpose

Considerable healthcare previously only done in the hospital is now being provided in the home setting. Therefore the EMS system is more often encountering patients out of the hospital who have various permanent or semi-permanent venous access devices. This policy attempts to provide guidance when paramedics should consider the use of these devices when contemplating resuscitation.

#### II. Policy

- A. PVAD should be considered as the vascular access of last choice.
- B. In every case, these persons' acuity levels should be *in extremis* or *impending extremis*.
- C. In every case, Base Hospital contact must be made in advance.
- D. Documentation should clearly note the use of PVAD after base contact. Notation should include at a minimum:
  - 1) Route.
  - 2) Complications of procedure.
  - 3) Effect of treatment.