



San Benito County Emergency Medical Services Agency

SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME (SIDS)

Policy : S1-P
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I. BLS Treatment Protocol:

- A. Treat life threats. (See Policy 4000).
- B. Prepare for transport / transfer of care.

II. ALS Treatment Protocol:

- A. Treat life threats. (See Policy 4000).
- B. Refer to appropriate protocol/s as needed.
- C. Transport.
- D. Contact Base Station.

Notes: BLS & ALS

- In the event that rigor mortis/dependent lividity is present resuscitation is not appropriate.
- Treat as a crime scene and limit movement of the infant and disturbance of the scene.
- Appropriate law enforcement personnel shall be notified and a Fire/EMS representative shall stay on scene until law enforcement arrives and assumes scene control.
- In cases where transport occurs, law enforcement must be notified.
- Consult with the Base Hospital for appropriate family referrals as needed.
- All cases of suspected child abuse and neglect must be reported. Use the [Suspected Child Abuse Report Form](#) (California Form SS 8572) to make the report. Within **36 hours** of receiving information about a child abuse or neglect case, Mandatory Reporters must complete the Form and Fax to San Benito County Child Protective Services (831) 637-2910 then follow-up mail to:
 - San Benito County Child Protective Services
1111 San Felipe Road, Suite 205
Hollister, CA 95023
- Save clothing and diapers for possible law enforcement investigation.