

DESTINATION GUIDELINES

ALWAYS USE BODY SUBSTANCE ISOLATION 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.
 - 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

RELATED POLICIES/ PROCEDURES

- Trauma Triage & Destination Guidelines Policy 4613
- STEMI Policy C 9
- Ambulance Diversion Policy 5400
- Pediatric Sexual Assault P16
- Sexual Assault GPC 10
- Cerebrovascular Accident (Stroke) N 4
- Burns E4 and P12