

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to establish requirements for prehospital personnel to notify the trauma center of a major trauma patient.

AUTHORITY:

Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.220, 1798, 1798.162, 1798.163, 1798.164, 1798.165, 1798.168, 1798.170, and 1798.172. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 7.

DEFINITIONS:

- A. "Disaster Control Facility" or "DCF" means San Joaquin General Hospital which is assigned responsibility by the SJCEMSA for determining the destination of patients transported by ambulance from a multi-casualty incident in accordance with the policies and procedures of the SJCEMSA.
- B. "SJCEMSA" means the San Joaquin County Emergency Medical Services Agency.

POLICY:

- I. Prehospital personnel using available med-net communications shall notify the intended trauma center as early as possible of the intended transport of a patient meeting major trauma triage criteria to their facility. Early notification is necessary to ensure the availability and prompt activation of appropriate trauma team personnel.
- II. When notifying the trauma center prehospital personnel shall provide the trauma center with a concise patient report indicating the criteria met in EMS Policy No. 5210, Major Trauma Triage Criteria.
- III. Prehospital personnel using available med-net communications shall contact the DCF for the coordination of multi-casualty incidents or to receive on-line medical control as required by SJCEMSA policies and procedures.
- IV. Early trauma center notification by prehospital personnel shall be monitored and evaluated through the CQI process.

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