



# County of Santa Cruz

## HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
SERVICES PROGRAM

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### **Emergency Medical Services Program**

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Medical Director

Subject: **GUIDELINES FOR MEDICAL CONTROL ORDERS**

#### **I. Prior to Contact (Standing Orders):**

Prior to Base Station contact paramedics may use the following standing orders.

##### **A. Adult and Pediatric Patients:**

1. All BLS skills and treatment.
2. All ALS skills and treatments except those limited to Base Station contact and Physician Order Only.

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. Orders requiring Base Station Contact**

The following orders require Base Station contact prior to implementation. A paramedic may speak to either a MICN or Physician in order to obtain these 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) Amiodarone for PVCs/runs of Ventricular Tachycardia
- 3) Morphine sulfate for pain management in doses which exceed Policy 5600.
- 4) Epi IM for bronchospasm with patient >50 y/o and/or known Hx CAD/HTN
- 5) Use of PVADs

#### **III. Orders Requiring Direct Permission by a Base Station Physician**

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 (adults and peds)
- 2) Pronouncement of death (adults and peds)
- 3) A.L.T.E AMA (Peds)
- 4) Transcutaneous Pacing (peds)
- 5) Administering greater than 10 mg of Versed IM to a patient experiencing excited delirium.

#### **IV. Orders when Santa Cruz 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 Santa Cruz County line on call responses to immediately adjacent parts of contiguous counties. In this case, adherence to Sections I, II, and III is still required.

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