



## Section 600: Operational Policies

### Policy 601: Guidelines for Medical Control Orders

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- I. Prior to Contact (Standing Orders):
  - A. Prior to Base Station contact paramedics and EMTs may use the following standing orders.
    1. Adult and Pediatric Patients:
      - a) All BLS skills and treatment.
      - b) All ALS skills and treatments except those limited to Base Station contact and Physician Order Only.
      - c) 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 I-III child.
- II. Orders requiring Base Station Contact, if possible
  - A. When possible, the following orders ~~require~~ should have Base Station contact (MICN or Physician) prior to implementation.
  - B. These orders may be implemented in cases where communication with the Base Station is not possible or cannot be maintained (radio/cell phone failure).
    - a) **Morphine Sulfate** for pain management in doses which exceed Policy 703, *Pain Management*.
    - b) Use of PVADs
    - c) Transcutaneous Pacing (pediatrics)
- III. Orders Requiring Direct Permission by a Base Station
  - A. These orders may only be implemented after direct voice contact with a Base Station.
    1. These orders may not be implemented in cases where communication with the Base Station is not possible or cannot be maintained.
      - a) **Midazolam** for pediatric chemical restraint (see Policy 622 *Patient Restraint*)
      - b) Pronouncement of death not meeting criteria in Policy 613 *Determination of Death in the Field* (adults and peds)
      - c) A.L.T.E AMA (Peds)
      - d) Administering greater than 10 mg of **Midazolam** IM to a patient experiencing excited delirium.



- II. Orders when Santa Cruz County-Accredited Paramedics are Traveling into or Through Other Counties.
- A. 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, as described in Section III, are NOT allowed.