

**POLICY #150: PHYSICIAN/ADVANCED PRACTICE PROVIDER
REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF PATIENT BY AMBULANCE**

I. PURPOSE

- A. To facilitate patient care and transport to the hospital when a community/attending physician based in their medical judgement does not desire a full EMS response of ambulance, fire department and law enforcement.

II. PROCEDURE

- A. If a physician or “Advanced Practice Providers” (APP), including Physician Assistant and Nurse Practitioner, is in attendance of their patient and requests only ambulance response, they must dial: 781-4563 for both STAT and NON-STAT requests.
- B. Once in contact with the ambulance dispatcher, the physician must provide the following information:
1. Physician or APP identification.
 2. Location of patient (i.e., address, cross street, etc.).
 3. Medical condition of patient.
 4. Destination of patient.
 5. Code response of ambulance.
 6. Desire for local fire department response.
 7. If ALS treatment of patient is necessary
- C. Upon ambulance arrival, the physician has three alternatives for involvement endorsed by the California Medical Association and provided by the Emergency Medical Services Authority:
1. Offer assistance with another pair of eyes, hands or suggestions, but let the life support team remain under Base Hospital control or,
 2. Request to talk to the Base Hospital physician and directly offer medical advice and assistance or,
 3. Take total responsibility for the care given by the life support team and accompany the patient until arrival at a hospital. The Base Hospital physician must be notified if this option is utilized. Additionally, the on-scene physician must sign for all instructions given in accordance with local policy and procedure
- D. Upon arrival of the ambulance the APP may:
1. Offer assistance with another pair of eyes, hands or suggestions, but let the life support team remain under Base Hospital control or,

2. Request to talk to the Base Hospital physician and directly offer medical advice and assistance or
3. In their usual employment setting request and assume responsibility for the care of the patient under the license for their absent supervising physician and accompany the patient to the hospital. The Base Hospital physician must be notified if this option is utilized. Additionally, the on-scene APP must sign for all instructions given in accordance with local policy and procedure
4. Outside of the normal employment setting the APP may not provide on-scene medical direction and the EMS providers shall maintain medical control with their Base Hospital

III. AUTHORITY

- California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5
- California Code of Regulation, Title 22, Division 9