

FRESNO/KINGS/MADERA
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY
 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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I. POLICY

Fresno, Kings and Madera County Base Hospitals shall designate a Base Hospital Medical Director who shall have primary responsibility for medical direction (medical control) of EMS within the Base Hospital on all base hospital matters and in matters pertaining to the local EMS System.

II. PROCEDURE

A. Base Hospital Medical Director Requirements

1. Must maintain Base Hospital Physician Certification (Policies #152 and #153).
2. Must be appointed by the Medical Director of the Emergency Department with the support of the Base Hospital Administration.
3. Must be allotted the required amount of time to complete the requirements of the position.

B. Base Hospital Medical Director Responsibilities

1. Work with the local EMS Agency and the Prehospital Liaison Nurse to identify prehospital and base hospital needs, develop plans for solutions, and evaluate policies and procedures relative to prehospital care.
2. Assure that adequate orientation is provided on local advanced life support (ALS) and basic life support (BLS) policies and procedures within the Base Hospital.
3. Establishes and implements Base Emergency Department Physician orientation for new personnel in the following manner:
 - a. With the Assistance of the Prehospital Liaison Nurse (PLN) providing EMS orientation to the new physicians prior to first work shift.

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- b. Confirming and providing documentation that the new physician is current in ACLS prior to first work shift.

Board certification in emergency medicine may be used in lieu of ACLS.
- c. Is responsible for seeing that all physicians in the Emergency Department meet the initial and ongoing requirements of Base Hospital Physicians.
- d. Assigning Base Hospital Emergency Department staff physicians to participate in Base Hospital EMS quality improvement reviews as needed.
- 4. Facilitates Education Programs by:
 - a. Assisting the local EMS Agency with education programs. Provides assistance in arranging hospital facility use as needed for introduction of new skills, e.g., intubation.
 - b. Providing or assisting the local EMS Agency in providing for training programs for Base Hospital Physicians, the Base Hospitals' medical staff, receiving hospitals, and public safety personnel.
 - c. Providing or assists in providing ongoing education for EMT-Is, EMT-IIIs, EMT-Ps, MICNs, and Base Hospital Physicians, e.g., assist in accessing physician and specialty speakers for Base Hospital meetings.
- 5. Evaluates Field and Base Personnel:
 - a. Assists in evaluating the performance of paramedics, MICNs and Base Hospital Physicians on a continuing basis, e.g., reviews problem tapes/calls with prehospital liaison nurse; recommends personnel for recertification.
 - b. Assists in ongoing retrospective medical control of ALS and BLS provided by the ALS and BLS mobile units utilizing his/her hospital.
 - c. Shall be responsible for investigating, critiquing, documenting and forwarding to the local EMS Agency all reported incidents of deficiency in patient care or non-compliance with local EMS policies and procedures.
- 6. Represents the Base Hospital at appropriate EMS committee meetings, including the Regional Medical Control Committee, in order to ensure communication and coordination with the EMS System.