

**CENTRAL CALIFORNIA**  
**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**  
A Division of the Fresno County Department of Public Health

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**I. POLICY**

Fresno, Kings, Madera, and Tulare County Base Hospitals shall designate a Prehospital Liaison Nurse (PLN) who shall be responsible, in conjunction with the Base Hospital Medical Director, for planning, organization, implementation, supervision and evaluation of prehospital care operations of that Base Hospital (as described in Division 2.5 of the Health and Safety Code) and the assigned field units.

**II. PROCEDURE**

**A. Management of Base Hospital Operations**

1. Supervises and maintains operations of the Base Hospital as defined by:
  - a. California State statutes and regulations, Division 2.5 of the Health and Safety Code and rules, regulations, standards and guidelines promulgated thereunder.
  - b. Local EMS Policies and Procedures.
2. Maintains an operational field-hospital communication system reflecting the requirements set forth by the Federal Communications Commission and in conjunction with the local EMS Agency.
3. Work with the Medical Records Department to maintain a medically and legally proper system for documentation and storage of paramedic transmissions of field runs, all prehospital care reports (PCR), and Base Hospital MICN run forms in accordance with California State statutes and requirements set forth by the local EMS Agency.
4. Maintains a log of all prehospital or EMS calls.
5. Identify Base Hospital needs and develops plans for solutions.
6. Establishes and implements Base Hospital orientation for MICNs, Emergency Department Physicians and other appropriate personnel with assistance of a Base Hospital Medical Director.

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B. Plans and Implements Education Programs

1. Coordinates and provides regularly scheduled EMS meetings and tape critiques.
2. In conjunction with other PLNs, coordinates and participates in the primary training of mobile intensive care nurses (MICN).
3. Writes and distributes announcements that reflect the education content of the monthly meetings.
4. Schedules and coordinates clinical experience for prehospital personnel in all applicable areas pertinent to prehospital care.
5. Keeps accurate attendance records of all education activities for EMS personnel. Attendance records to be sent to the local EMS Agency as required or upon request.

C. Maintains Intra and Inter Agency Communications

1. Maintains communication between Base Hospital administration, nursing, and the Base Hospital Medical Director.
2. Coordinates communication between the Base Hospital and the local EMS Agency.
  - a. Keeps monthly statistics of Base activity and other statistics which may be needed for system planning.
  - b. Assists the local EMS Agency in policy and procedure development.
3. Serves as liaison between the following groups in order to facilitate communications and identify and resolve problems.
  - a. Base Hospital Physicians and MICNs.
  - b. Prehospital care provider agencies and individuals.
  - c. Trauma Nurse Coordinator and EMS personnel and operations.
  - d. Base Hospital and other Base Hospitals or Receiving Hospitals.
  - e. Base Hospital and the local EMS Agency.
  - f. Base Hospital and educational institutions.
  - g. Base Hospital and other organizations as needed.
4. Maintains communication with the Hospital Communications Department regarding Base Hospital radio equipment.
5. Assists in the use and maintenance of StatusNet, which is the regions hospital-to-hospital communications system.
6. Distributes pertinent information to Base Hospital personnel and ensures access to the EMS Policy and Procedures.

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7. Attends EMS meetings relating to quality improvement and prehospital care as necessary.
  - a. Attends and is a member of the EMS Operations Committee (EMSOC).
  - b. Attends and is a member of the Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) (if applicable).
  - c. Attends Regional Hospital Advisory Committee meetings.
  - d. Attends and is a member of the Continuous Quality Improvement Committee (CQI) (if applicable).
  - e. If the base hospital is a designated Cardiac, Stroke, or Trauma Center, PLN attends the respective committee meetings.
  
- D. Evaluates Field and Base Hospital Personnel
  1. Performs routine critiques and evaluations of prehospital care performance through reviews of written records for completeness, accuracy and appropriate care including follow up of patient status.
    - a. May delegate a portion of these duties to a physician or MICN.
    - b. Reviews tapes with MICNs as part of required yearly continuing education.
  2. Gives appropriate feedback on performance to prehospital care personnel and to local EMS Agency which may include problem-solving, teaching, or completing the EMS incident form as needed.
  3. Participates as an examiner on oral boards or skills testing.
  4. Supervises and delegates new MICN orientation.
  5. Assists newly hired, qualified nurses in preparation for MICN training. Establishes, implements and evaluates MICN student's radio skills performance.
  6. Reports findings of all evaluations to the Base Hospital Medical Director and the local EMS Agency and appropriate outside agencies.
  
- E. Assesses and Reports the Effectiveness of Prehospital Care
  1. Maintains, records and submits statistics related to the prehospital care program as requested by the hospital administration, local EMS Agency and the State EMS Authority.
  2. Identifies and reports prehospital care problems to the local EMS Agency utilizing the Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) process set by EMS. provides steps taken to clarify or correct the situation such as meetings, teaching or problem-solving with involved individual.