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Under current CCEMSA protocols, there are only four (4) situations in which a 12-lead ECG can/should be obtained. Under the Coronary Ischemic Chest Discomfort (CICD), Pulmonary Edema (Acute Onset), Unexplained Hypotension in Presumed Cardiogenic Shock, and ROSC protocols, ECG’s are part of the protocol. The only other situation in which an ECG should/can be obtained is if Base contact is made and an ECG is ordered by the Base.