

# VC EMS TRAINING BULLETIN

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## Ventura County Emergency Medical Services Agency

### SPRING EMS UPDATE INFORMATION

Spring EMS Update was cancelled due to the small amount of information from PSC, however, there are a few policies that will be effective December 1st that you are required to be aware of. This Training Bulletin is being created for that purpose. Please read carefully.

**VCEMS Policy 606 Withholding or Termination of Resuscitation and Determination of Death**—patients with traumatic etiology, who appear to be dead, and are younger than 18 years old will be transported to the closest **trauma center**. Times for both BLS and ALS trauma cases should be estimated using time to nearest **trauma center**, and not to nearest hospital.

**VCEMS Policy 705.08, Cardiac Arrest—VF/VT 705.09, Chest Pain 705.25 Ventricular Tachycardia—Amiodarone** will replace Lidocaine in all these policies, refer to training module.

**VCEMS Policy 705.15 Nausea/Vomiting**—Ondansatron may be given prior to administration of Morphine Sulfate when the patient has a known history of nausea and vomiting secondary to narcotics.

**VCEMS Policy 732 Use of Restraints— New policy.**

Purpose: To provide guidelines for the use of physical and chemical restraints during the course of emergency medical treatment or during an inter-facility transport (IFT) for patients who are violent or potentially violent to themselves or others.

**PLEASE SEE ATTACHED POLICY**

**VCEMS Policy 1000 Documentation of Prehospital Care**—Language change: VCePCR (Ventura County Electronic Patient Care Record) There will be a VCePCR generated on every “incident” defined as: any event in which there is an actual victim, or the potential for a victim, regardless of whether the responding unit was cancelled enroute or not. A patient contact is defined as any encounter involving Ventura County pre-hospital personnel. Outlined in this document are:

- Procedure for documentation defined
- Appropriate level of call (ALS BLS) document
- Transfer of care
- AMA
- Scoring
- Posting to server
- ECG data downloads
- Minimum data set requirements
- Time requirements for posting
- Printing events

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## **VCEMS Policy 1404, Guidelines for Inter-facility Transfer of Patient to a Trauma Center-**

Clarifies guidelines for transfer of trauma patient to trauma center, to include Grade IV, V, or VI liver injuries, **Grade III, IV, or V spleen injuries**, and fractures or dislocations **with neurovascular compromise**. The Level II Trauma centers will publish phone number that may be used to **request consultation with trauma surgeon** as well as to accept transfer of patients.

## **Center, VCEMS 1407 “Code Trauma” emergency transfer of Patient with Critical Trauma to Trauma Center—NEW Policy.**

Purpose: To define the “Code Trauma” and “Trauma Call Continuation” process by which patients at a community hospital that emergently require the specialty services of a designated trauma center are transferred.

This policy :

- Defines Code Trauma, Trauma Call Continuation, Life-or Limb threatening injuries.
- Describes the responsibilities of trauma system participants, FCC, ambulance companies and Trauma Centers.
- Describes the procedure for transferring from community hospital to trauma center.
- Defines Trauma Call Continuation and documentation required for these instances.

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These policies can be found on the VCEMS Web Site:

<http://www.vchca.org/emergency-medical-services/policies-and-forms.aspx>

