
HOSPITAL RESPONSIBILITIES

1. A Receiving Hospital is a hospital designated as such by the Alameda County Health Officer and is licensed as a Basic Emergency Service or has in-house physician coverage 24 hours per day
2. A Receiving Hospital shall:
 - 2.1 Accept all emergency patients transported by EMS system units unless ambulance diversion has been initiated in accordance with Alameda County Ambulance Diversion Policy and the facility's approved internal diversion protocol.
 - 2.2 Admit emergency patients to the Hospital if appropriate, the patient accepts admission and the Hospital has space available. If transfer to another hospital is appropriate, the patient shall be transferred according to Alameda County Interfacility Transfer Guidelines.
 - 2.3 Procure and maintain an operational radio for two way voice communication on the County MEDNET, meeting County specifications, and place this equipment in the emergency department.
 - 2.4 Cooperate with the Alameda County Emergency Medical Services Agency and the Alameda County Health Care Services Agency in gathering and providing statistics and information needed for monitoring and evaluating prehospital programs.
 - 2.5 Cooperate with designated Alameda County Base Hospitals and ALS Provider Agencies in providing follow-up information regarding patient diagnosis, disposition and outcome.
 - 2.6 Follow and abide by the standards established for ALS programs and for Receiving Hospitals, including those standards pertaining to professional staffing.
 - 2.7 Ensure that the emergency department staff and other appropriate hospital personnel possess sufficient skill and knowledge in field procedures that are continued within the emergency department.
 - 2.8 Participate in the Receiving Hospital Committee and Trauma Audit Committee (TAC) meetings as requested.
 - 2.9 Participate in training of prehospital personnel, in cooperation with and as coordinated by the EMS District Medical Director or designee.
 - 2.10 Provide hospital census and bed availability information to the EMS agency through the "Reddinet" system daily by 7:00 a.m.
 - 2.11 Participate in "HAVBED" drills/exercises as directed by the Alameda County EMS Agency.