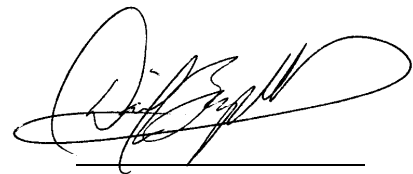


EL DORADO COUNTY EMS AGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES

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EMS Agency Medical Director

GROUND CRITICAL CARE TRANSPORTS

I. Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to state the requirements for nurse staffed inter-facility transports also known as Critical Care Transports (CCT) operated by JPA ambulances in accordance with El Dorado County EMS Agency

II. Definition:

A CCT is defined as an ambulance inter-facility transport of a patient who may require skills or treatment modalities that exceed the paramedic scope of practice but do not exceed the scope of practice of an RN. A CCT may be required for either a non-emergency or emergency inter-facility transport. Physicians, respiratory care practitioners (RCPs), perfusionists or other personnel may be added to the CCT team (a minimum of one RN, one paramedic, and one EMT) as needed. This policy applies to secondary ground transports only.

III. Policy:

A. CCT RN Requirements

- Preferred 2 years Critical Care, OB, or Emergency Department experience
- California RN license, current and active with no restrictions
- Current ACLS certification
- Current PALS certification if transporting pediatric patients

B. Training

Initial training to include orientation to administrative policies, prehospital care including review of protocols, policies and procedures, ambulance configuration, equipment review, safety during transport and documentation of patient care.
Provide annual recurrent training as needed or required.

C. Equipment

Each CCT vehicle shall include as standard inventory all items required by the El Dorado County EMS Agency Policy *ALS Ambulance Minimum Equipment Inventory* policy. In addition, each CCT vehicle shall have on board equipment and supplies that commensurate with the scope of practice of the medical personnel on board.

D. Medical Direction

Patient management will be provided in accordance with the El Dorado County EMS standards of care and ALS protocols, policies and procedures. Additional treatment orders may be provided by the transferring physician in writing, using the El Dorado County CCT Order form. On line medical control will be provided by the Base Hospital Physician on duty.