

INTRODUCTION

These Protocols define the basic and advanced life support treatment and disposition standards for Prehospital Air Medical Care in San Diego County.

1. Each Advanced Life Support Air Medical Flight Crew will consist of at a minimum, one Registered Nurse and one Physician, Registered Nurse or Paramedic. Each Basic Life Support Flight Crew will consist of at a minimum one EMT.
2. Treatments are listed in sequential order for each condition. Adherence is recommended. All skills follow the criteria in the skills list.
3. All treatments may be performed by the Flight Nurse on standing order unless noted. Any treatment required which is not included in the protocols is at the discretion of the Flight Physician on scene or Base Hospital Physician at the assigned Base Hospital in direct radio communication providing medical direction. Orders not included in the protocols must be within the knowledge, skill, education level and scope of practice of the Flight Nurse.
4. Interfacility transport orders will be given by the physician providing medical control for the patient.
5. The Flight Paramedic will function within the scope of practice and protocols set forth by San Diego County Paramedic Protocols and Skills list and under control of the assigned Base Hospital. All treatments within the San Diego County Paramedic Protocols and Skills may be performed by the Flight Paramedic on standing order unless otherwise noted.
6. The Flight EMT will function within the scope of practice and protocols set forth by County of San Diego BLS Protocols and under the control of the assigned Base Hospital.

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