

**WEST OLYMPIC PENINSULA EMS COUNCIL**  
**COUNTY OPEATING PROCEDURE**  
**DESTINATION POLICY FOR CARDIOVASCULAR PATIENTS**

**PURPOSE**

To designate destination hospitals for patients with cardiovascular emergencies, specifically stroke and myocardial infarction, and maximize the best possible outcomes.

**POLICY**

All patients with the assessment of stroke/CVA and/or myocardial infarction will be transported to a designated hospital.

**PROCEDURE**

**A. STROKE**

1. It is required for a patient who has had the onset of stroke symptoms within the last 4 ½ hours to be included under this policy.
2. Calls to base station and/or the receiving hospital should declare this patient as a "Stroke Activation".
3. Designated Hospitals
  - a. **Clallam County Fire District #5**  
Patients will be transported to #1 Forks Community Hospital, #2 Olympic Medical Center, or the nearest appropriate facility via Airlift Northwest.
  - b. **Forks Ambulance**  
Patients will be transported to #1 Forks Community Hospital, #2 Olympic Medical Center, or the nearest appropriate facility via Airlift Northwest.
  - c. **Neah Bay EMS**  
Patients will be transported to #1 Neah Bay Clinic for stabilization, #2 Forks Community Hospital, #3 Olympic Medical Center or the nearest appropriate facility via Airlift Northwest.

**B. MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION**

1. It is required for a patient with signs and symptoms of a myocardial infarction, AND/OR a positive 12 Lead ECG to be included under this policy.
2. Calls to base station and/or the receiving hospital should declare this patient as a "STEMI Activation".
3. Designated Hospitals
  - a. **Clallam County Fire District #5**  
Patients will be transported to #1 Forks Community Hospital, #2 Olympic Medical Center, or the nearest appropriate facility via Airlift Northwest.
  - b. **Forks Ambulance**  
Patients will be transported to #1 Forks Community Hospital, #2 Olympic Medical Center, or the nearest appropriate facility via Airlift Northwest.
  - c. **Neah Bay EMS**  
Patients will be transported to #1 Neah Bay Clinic for stabilization, #2 Forks Community Hospital, #3 Olympic Medical Center or the nearest appropriate facility via Airlift Northwest.

**Note:** Transport destination decisions shall include location of incident.

  
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Council Chair

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