

JEFFERSON COUNTY EMS AND TRAUMA COUNCIL

COUNTY WIDE OPERATING PROCEDURE DESTINATION POLICY FOR CARDIOVASCULAR PATIENTS

PURPOSE: To designate destination hospitals for patients with cardiovascular emergencies, specifically stroke and myocardial infarction, to 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 6 hours to be included under this policy.
2. Calls to medical control and/or the receiving hospital should declare this patient as a "Stroke Activation".
3. Designated Hospitals:
 - a. Patients who present with stroke like symptoms and who live within the boundaries of East Jefferson Fire Rescue (Fire District #1), Fire District #2, Fire District #5, and portions of Fire District #3 should consider the closest designated hospital for immediate care to be Jefferson Health Care, Port Townsend.
 - b. Patients who present with stroke like symptoms and who live within the boundaries of Fire District #3 generally in an area south of State Highway 104 should consider Jefferson Health Care Port Townsend as the closest designated hospital, Harrison Memorial Hospital Bremerton as the second closest designated hospital especially during serious weather conditions, or family and patients dictate a different preference.
 - c. Patients who present with stroke like symptoms and who live within the boundaries of Fire District #4 generally should consider Mason County General Hospital as their closest designated hospital, should there be an issue with Mason General not being able to accept a patient, consider either Harrison Memorial Hospital or St. Peters hospital Olympia as an alternate closest hospital for this condition.
 - d. In all instances, for all districts, when there is a degree of certainty that the appearance of stroke like symptoms are combined with other clinical findings suggestive of a hemorrhagic stroke, consultation with medical control physician(s) should result in the potential flying out of the patient to the closest hospital capable of neurological surgical service 24/7.