

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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WEST OLYMPIC PENINSULA EMS COUNCIL
COUNTY OPERATING PROCEDURE
OBTAINING ADVANCED OR BASIC LIFE SUPPORT TRANSPORT

PURPOSE

To determine the best procedure for obtaining ALS or BLS assisted transport from Clallam Bay, Neah Bay and Forks.

POLICY

All patients with the assessed need to be transported via ALS or BLS by Olympic Ambulance.

PROCEDURE

A. ALS

1. Consult with medical control if needed to determine need for ALS versus BLS. However, anytime a BLS unit believes it is out of their scope of care, they can direct an ALS rig to rendezvous.
2. Consider whether airlift is needed and available.
3. Determine approximate weight of patient. Both airlift and Olympic Ambulance (OA) will need this information. For Olympic Ambulance the Bariatric gurney has a weight limit of 850 pounds and is wider than the standard gurney and is located in Sequim. The standard gurney weight limit is 750lbs
4. For Olympic Ambulance (OA) call the 24 hour Olympic Ambulance dispatch line 360-683-3347 not the local dispatch (PENCOM).
 - a. ALS comes from Port Angeles.
 - b. BLS comes from Sequim. For ALS tell OA dispatch "I need an ALS response ASAP to rendezvous at....."
 - c. Determine from OA what is the approximate time of departure and ETA at the rendezvous point. This information is vital to help determine if an ALS patient needs to go to the ED in Forks to be stabilized, i.e. for pain meds, hypotension, cardiac meds, etc.
5.
 - a. **Clallam County Fire District #5**
Patients will be transported to #1 Forks Community Hospital depending on the need for stabilization, then to #2 Olympic Medical Center or other facility as need determines
 - b. **Forks Ambulance**
Patients will be transported to #1 Forks Community Hospital, #2 Olympic Medical Center or other facility as need determines
 - c. **Neah Bay EMS**
Patients will be transported to #1 Neah Bay Clinic for stabilization, #2 Forks Community Hospital depending on the need for stabilization, then to, #3 Olympic Medical Center or other facility as need determines

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