

WEST OLYMPIC PENINSULA EMS COUNCIL
COUNTY OPERATING 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

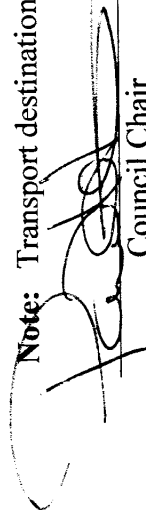
A. STROKE

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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