



INLAND COUNTIES EMERGENCY MEDICAL AGENCY POLICY AND PROTOCOL MANUAL

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RESPONSIBILITY FOR PATIENT MANAGEMENT

I. PURPOSE

To define the responsibility for patient care management in the prehospital setting. Within the ICEMA region, in the event both public and private emergency medical services (EMS) field personnel arrive on the scene with the same qualifications, patient care management responsibility will rest with the first to arrive.

II. PROCEDURE

- An advanced emergency medical technician (AEMT) or paramedic (EMT-P) may transfer patient management responsibility to an emergency medical technician (EMT) for transportation, only under the following conditions:
 - The patient is stable for transport and no ALS measures have been initiated.
 - When operating under ICEMA Reference #8030 - Transport of Patients (BLS).
 - When operating under ICEMA Reference #8080 - Medical Response to a Multiple Casualty Incident.
 - When operating under ICEMA Reference #6050 - Local Medical Emergency.
- The base hospital should be contacted if at any time transfer of patient management responsibility is in question or for any patient not meeting the above criteria.

III. REFERENCES

<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
6050	Local Medical Emergency
8030	Transport of Patients (BLS)
8080	Medical Response to a Multiple Casualty Incident