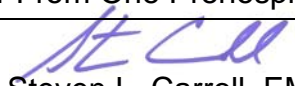
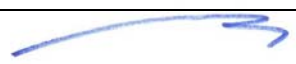


COUNTY OF VENTURA HEALTH CARE AGENCY		EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES POLICIES AND PROCEDURES	
Policy Title: Patient Transfer From One Prehospital Team To Another		Policy Number: 708	
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- I. PURPOSE: To provide guidelines for transfer of patient care from one prehospital team to another prehospital team, if necessary.
- II. POLICY: Care of a patient may be transferred from one prehospital team to another according to the following procedures.
- III. PROCEDURE:
 - A. Ground Unit to Ground Unit
 1. ALS level response
 - a. Attempt to inform the Base Hospital (BH) and inform the patient of the necessity of a transfer.
 - b. Obtain agreement from the receiving team to accept responsibility for the patient.
 - c. Give a report concerning the patient's condition. This report should include history, physical assessment and all treatment rendered.
 - d. Document times and units involved on the Approved Ventura County Documentation System (AVCDS).
 - e. The receiving team is responsible for documentation.
 2. BLS level response
 - a. Inform the patient of the necessity for a transfer.
 - b. Obtain agreement from the receiving team to accept responsibility for the patient.
 - c. Give a report concerning the patient's condition. This report should include history, physical assessment and all treatment rendered.

- d. Document times and units involved on the Approved Ventura County Documentation System (AVCDS).
 - e. The receiving team is responsible for documentation.
- B. Ground Unit to Air Unit
 - 1. ALS capable personnel, if on scene, shall accompany a critical patient on the air unit.
 - 2. Transfer from ground to air may be to a crew with lesser certificate level. If ALS procedures have been started (other than an IV in a stable patient), ALS personnel shall accompany the patient.
 - 3. If the ground crew is unable to make BH contact, the ALS personnel may operate under Communication Failure Protocols.
- C. Multi Casualty Incident (MCI) (Greater than 3 patients)
 - 1. Patients should be identified by START triage number, and this number shall be used during the remainder of the call.
 - 2. Care for a stable patient with a prophylactic IV (no meds) may be transferred to an EMT-I crew.