

VC EMS TRAINING BULLETIN

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Ventura County Emergency Medical Services Agency

Indication for Prehospital 12-lead ECG

A fourth indication has been added to Policy 726 section IV.A.4

“Symptomatic Bradycardia”

Effective August 1, 2017, please perform a 12-lead ECG for patients with a medical history and/or presenting complaints consistent with an acute coronary syndrome. Patients will have the acute (within the previous 12 hours) onset of one or more of the following symptoms that have no other identifiable cause:

1. Chest, upper back or upper abdominal discomfort.
2. Generalized weakness
3. Dyspnea
4. **Symptomatic bradycardia**

“Obtain 12-lead ECG” has also been added to Policy 705.24 (Symptomatic Bradycardia) along with **“shortness of breath”** under **“additional information”** for signs/symptoms of symptomatic bradycardia.