

COUNTY OF VENTURA HEALTH CARE AGENCY		EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES POLICIES AND PROCEDURES	
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- I. PURPOSE: To define the role and responsibility of the Paramedic Liaison Physician (PLP) with respect to EMS medical control.
- II. AUTHORITY: Health and Safety Code Sections 1707.90, 1798, 1798.2, 1798.102, and 1798.104. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Sections 100147 and 100162
- III. POLICY: The Base Hospital shall implement the policies and procedures of VCEMS for medical direction of prehospital advanced life support personnel. The PLP shall administer the medical activities of licensed and accredited prehospital care personnel and ensure their compliance with the policies, procedures and protocols of VCEMS. This includes:
  - A. Medical direction and supervision of field care by:
    1. Ensuring the provision of medical direction and supervision of field care for Base Hospital physicians, MICNs, PCCs, and Paramedics.
    2. Ensuring that field medical care adheres to current established medical guidelines, and that ALS activities adhere to current policies, procedures and protocols of VC EMS.
  - B. Education by ensuring the development and institution of prehospital education programs for all EMS prehospital care personnel (MDs, MICNs, Paramedics).
  - C. Audit and evaluation by:
    1. Providing audit and evaluation of Base Hospital Physicians, MICNs, PCCs, and ALS field personnel. This audit and evaluation shall include, but not be limited to:
      - a. Clinical skills and supervisory activities pertaining to providing medical direction to ALS field personnel.
      - b. Compliance with current policies, procedures and protocols of the

- local EMS agency.
  - c. Base Hospital voice communication skills.
  - d. Monthly review of all ALS documentation when the patient is not transported.
- D. Investigations according to VC EMS Policy 150.
- E. Recordkeeping by ensuring that proper accountability and records are maintained regarding:
- 1. The activities of all Base Hospital physicians, MICNs and Paramedics.
  - 2. The education, audit, and evaluation of base hospital personnel
  - 3. Communications by base hospital personnel
- F. Communication equipment operation by ensuring that the base hospital ALS field personnel communication/ telemetry equipment is staffed and operated at all times by personnel who are properly trained and authorized in its use according to the policies, procedures and protocols of VC EMS.
- G. Base Hospital liaison by ensuring:
- 1. Base Hospital physician and PCC representation at Prehospital Services Committee and other appropriate committee meetings
  - 2. Ongoing liaison with EMS provider agencies and the local medical community.
  - 3. On-going liaison with the local EMS agency.
- H. Ensuring compliance with Base Hospital Designation Agreement.