



COUNTY OF VENTURA HEALTH CARE AGENCY		EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES POLICIES AND PROCEDURES	
Policy Title: Guidelines for Limited Base Contact		Policy Number 720	
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- I. **PURPOSE:** To define patient conditions for which Paramedics shall make limited base contact (LBC).
- II. **AUTHORITY:** Health and Safety Code 1797.220.
- III. **POLICY:** Paramedics shall make LBC for uncomplicated cases, utilizing the patient criteria listed below, which respond positively to initial treatment and require no ongoing treatment or further intervention or where symptoms have resolved. Patients who meet Stroke/ELVO, STEMI, or Trauma Triage Criteria are not eligible for LBC.
- A. Patient criteria:
1. **Hypoglycemia:** Blood Glucose level less than 60 mg/dl.
 2. **Narcotic Overdose**
 3. **Chest Pain – Acute Coronary Syndrome:** No dysrhythmia, no shortness of breath.
 4. **Shortness of Breath - Wheezes/Other**
 5. **Seizure:** No drug ingestion, no dysrhythmia, not pregnant.
 6. **Syncope or near-syncope:** Vital signs stable, no dysrhythmia.
 7. **Pain:** Excluding head/neck/chest/abdominal and/or pelvic pain due to trauma.
 8. **Nausea/Vomiting**
 9. **BRUE**

B. Treatment may include BLS Procedures and/or ALS Standing Orders as listed below:

PATIENT CRITERIA	TREATMENT
1. Hypoglycemia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • treatment has resulted in blood glucose greater than 60 mg/dl
2. Narcotic Overdose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • naloxone
3. Chest Pain – Acute Coronary Syndrome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • aspirin • nitroglycerin
4. Shortness of Breath – Wheezes/Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • albuterol nebulizer -OR- • MDI with spacer
5. Seizure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • midazolam
6. Syncope or near-syncope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • determine Blood Glucose Level
7. Pain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fentanyl or morphine/ondansetron
8. Nausea/Vomiting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ondansetron
9. BRUE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • determine Blood Glucose Level

C. Communication

1. The LBC contact call-in shall include the following information:
 - a. ALS unit number
 - b. "We have a LBC"
 - c. Age/Gender
 - d. Brief nature of call
 - e. ETA and destination

D. Documentation

1. ALS Unit
 - a. Complete a VCePCR with "ALS (Base Hospital Contact)" selected in the "Level of Service Provided."
2. MICN
 - a. Complete log entry with "LBC" noted in the treatment section.
 - b. Call will be documented on digital audio recording.