

General Policy and Procedure

Physician Orientation For On Line Medical Direction

- A. All physicians providing medical direction within the Washtenaw/Livingston Medical Control Authority must be approved prior to providing any on line medical direction.
- B. Approval to provide on line medical direction will be granted by the emergency department medical director of each hospital that provides medical direction in the Washtenaw/Livingston Medical Control Authority.
- C. The following guidelines will be used to grant approval.
 - 1. Physicians providing on line medical direction within the Washtenaw/Livingston Medical Control Authority as of January 1, 1993 are approved.
 - 2. All other physicians must meet the following criteria: (A and B)
 - a. Familiarity with the Washtenaw/Livingston Medical Control Authority protocols as attested by a signed and dated statement such as "I have reviewed and understand the Washtenaw/Livingston Medical Control Authority protocols".
 - b. Demonstrated familiarity with EMS as evidenced by at least one of the following:
 - 1. Board certification in emergency medicine.
 - 2. Completion of an accredited residency program in emergency medicine.
 - 3. Completion of an ACEP base station course.
 - 4. At least 2 years documented satisfactory provision of on line medical direction in an ALS system.
 - 5. Completion of a Washtenaw/Livingston Medical Control Authority member hospital provided base station orientation program. This will include 8 hours of ALS ambulance riding, a protocol review and a summary of base station operations.
 - c. If no approved physician is available at a base station hospital, MRCC will be informed. MRCC will assign medical direction to an alternate hospital within the medical control region, until an approved physician is available.
 - d. Non-approved physicians may assist in the provision of medical control under the direct supervision of an approved physician.
 - e. Base station hospitals will provide a list of their approved physicians when requested by the EMS Medical Director.
 - f. Base station physicians are encouraged to ride on Washtenaw/Livingston Medical Control Authority ambulances as observers to gain further understanding of the local pre-hospital care environment.
 - g. Physicians riding with a ALS ambulance will be considered a "third rider". While observing, they may assist with CPR and provide an extra set of hands. They must be covered by their own liability insurance or that of their employer. Medical Control will be delivered through normal channels. Refer to Protocol On-Scene Physician Interaction I-5 if addition physician involvement is desired.

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