



MEDICAL PRIORITY DISPATCH SYSTEM (MPDS) CARD APPROVAL

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1. Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this policy is to provide the Santa Clara County EMS Medical Director's approval to Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS) version 13.0a card sets, version 13.2 ProQA and specific criteria found in the cards for all Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) in Santa Clara County.

2. Approved Card 9 [Cardiac or Respiratory Arrest] Criteria

- 2.1. **Obvious Death box**
 - 2.1.1. Suffix (A) (Cold and stiff in a warm environment) is approved
 - 2.1.2. Suffix (B) (Decapitation) is approved
 - 2.1.3. Suffix (C) (Decomposition) is approved
 - 2.1.4. Suffix (D) (Incineration) is approved
 - 2.1.5. All other criteria not mentioned under section 2.1 that appears in the Obvious Death box, will not be approved for use under the Santa Clara County EMS Medical Director's authority
- 2.2. **Expected Death Box (Ω-1, D-2)**
 - 2.2.1. Suffix (X) Known terminal illness is approved
 - 2.2.2. Suffix (Y) DNR Order is approved
 - 2.2.3. Suffix (Z) End of Life Option Act (write-in) is approved
- 2.3. **Cardiac Arrest Pathway Box**
 - 2.3.1. Suffix (C) Only (Continuous compressions) is approved

3. Approved Card 14 [Drowning / Diving / SCUBA Accident] Criteria

- 3.1. **Obvious Death (submersion for 6 or greater hours)**
 - 3.1.1. Criteria is approved for use under the Santa Clara County EMS Medical Director's authority

4. Approved Card 18 [Headache] Criteria

- 4.1. **Stroke Treatment Time Window Box**
 - 4.1.1. Suffix T (Time window set by local Medical Control) is 24 hours or less

5. Approved Card 24 [Pregnancy / Childbirth / Miscarriage] Criteria

- 5.1. **High Risk Complications Box**
 - 5.1.1. Premature birth (24-36 weeks) is approved
 - 5.1.2. Multiple birth (equal or greater to 24 weeks) is approved
 - 5.1.3. Bleeding disorder is approved
 - 5.1.4. Blood thinners is approved
 - 5.1.5. Cervical cerclage is approved
 - 5.1.6. Placenta abruption is approved
 - 5.1.7. Placenta previa is approved
 - 5.1.8. Female genital mutilation
 - 5.1.9. Caller states "high risk" pregnancy (write-in) is approved



6. Approved Card 28 [Stroke (CVA) / Transient Ischemic Attack (TIA)] Criteria

6.1. Stroke Treatment Time Window Box

6.1.1. Suffix T (Time window set by local Medical Control) is 24 hours or less

7. Aspirin Diagnostic and Instructions Card

7.1. Aspirin Administration Box

7.1.1. Aspirin administration instructions will not be given

8. Approved Card 33 [Transfer / Interfacility / Palliative Care] Criteria

8.1. Applicable only for County Communications:

8.1.1. For calls originating from "MAIN JAIL INTAKE / 150 W HEDDING"

8.1.2. And that do not have priority symptoms

8.1.3. And that meet the criteria for ALPHA level, shall be coded as 33-A-3

8.2. EMS Medical Director has defined "Acuity Level III" as no priority symptoms present.

8.3. For all 33-A-3 calls the standard response configuration will be ambulance without lights and siren

8.4. If the nurse or doctor is requesting an emergency lights and siren response for a 33-A-3, the call will be changed to 33-C-7 and the response configuration will be fire and ambulance with lights and siren

9. Approved Card 36 [Pandemic / Epidemic / Outbreak (Surveillance or Triage)] Criteria

9.1. Applicable only when the County Health Officer declares a local health emergency. The County EMS Medical Director will determine the triage level utilization during the local health emergency

9.1.1. Suffix (S) = Level 0 (COVID-19 surveillance only) is approved

9.1.2. Suffix (A) = Level 1 (COVID-19 low triage) is approved

9.1.3. Suffix (B) = Level 2 (COVID-19 moderate triage) is approved

9.1.4. Suffix (C) = Level 3 (COVID-19 high triage) is approved

9.1.5. Suffix (X) = Level 0 (other disease surveillance only) is approved

9.1.6. Suffix (L) = Level 1 (other disease low triage) is approved

9.1.7. Suffix (M) = Level 2 (other disease moderate triage) is approved

9.1.8. Suffix (H) = Level 3 (other disease high triage) is approved

9.2. High Risk Conditions Box

9.2.1. Caller states "high risk" (write-in) is approved