Loudoun County Emergency Medical Services Council, Inc.

EMS Policy #21

Medical Control Guidelines

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The purpose of this policy is to establish a guideline for the use of two (3) medical controls within Loudoun County.

1. Units shall utilize the closest Loudoun County Emergency Department for Medical Control purposes. This is limited to Inova Loudoun Hospital (ILH) at either the Lansdowne or Cornwall campus and the StoneSpring Emergency Center. This communication will be done via a phone patch or appropriate radio channel (unless otherwise directed by the emergency communication center).

This should not be interpreted that transport will always be to the closest Emergency Department. Medical Control at the closest Emergency Department may direct you based upon the condition and/or stability of the patient, to transport to another Emergency Department or appropriate facility. If medical control will not be the receiving facility, they may assist in notifying the receiving facility to provide a report of patient information and ETA as needed. A unit may instead elect to contact the receiving facility themselves to provide notification but should not request orders from a non-Loudoun County Emergency Department.

2. Units transporting a patient with a potential STEMI (ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction) shall utilize the Inova Loudoun Hospital - Lansdowne campus Emergency Department for Medical Control purposes. This communication will be done via a phone patch or channel 69-C (unless otherwise directed by the emergency communications center).

3. This policy does not prohibit the development of a written agreement between an individual EMS agency and the Operational Medical Director, to routinely contact another facility other than the emergency departments within Loudoun County for Medical Control direction.

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