Central DuPage Hospital Emergency Medical Services System

Emergency Care RN - Physician Backup at Telemetry

EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR:
EMSS COORDINATOR:
2/09

PURPOSE:

- A. To assure appropriate medical direction for prehospital care providers.
- B. To facilitate shared medical decision-making between the Emergency Care RN (ECRN) and Mobile Intensive Care Physician (MICP).

POLICY:

An ECRN will request the EMS Medical Director (EMSMD) or designee for consultation at the telemetry console under the following circumstances:

- A. Situations requiring deviation from the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).
- B. Patient care situations involving complex medico-legal issues and/or interpretation of the CDEMS System's policies.
- C. Any situation requiring ambulance diversion in which where there is concern about risk vs. benefit.
- D. Any situation in which there is a question as to the appropriate facility for a trauma patient.
- E. Whenever there is question about an invasive and high risk procedure (e.g., cardioversion of an awake patient, needle/surgical cricothyrotomy, chest decompression).
- F. Whenever EMTs, patient or family members request consultation with a physician.
- G. Any situation in which there is a physician at the scene involved in providing care to the patient.
- H. Any other situation in which additional medical consultation is needed by the ECRN.
- I. Request by paramedics for permission to withdraw Resuscitative Attempts.
- J. Final approval for helicopter liftoff to the field to pick up a trauma patient.