



Administrative Policy		8206
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Policy: Riverside County Prehospital Stroke System Advisory Committee	Approval: Medical Director Reza Vaezazizi, MD	Signed
Applies To: EMS System	Approval: REMSA Director Bruce Barton	Signed

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish an advisory committee to the local Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency Medical Directors to monitor and evaluate the medical care of patients with Stroke.

AUTHORITY

[California Health and Safety Code - Division 2.5: Emergency Medical Services \[1797. - 1799.207.\]](#)
[California Code of Regulations, Title 22. Social Security, Division 9. Prehospital Emergency Medical Services](#)

Prehospital Stroke System Advisory Committee

1. The Stroke System Advisory Committee:
 - a. Shares best practices and recommends improvements;
 - b. Works collaboratively in making improvements within the EMS system for improved outcomes;
 - c. Awareness, education, and feedback to the field personnel for stroke patients and/or uncommon presentations.

2. Committee Reports to:
 - a. Riverside County EMS Agency:
 - i. Director of EMS Agency
 - ii. Medical Director of EMS Agency

3. The Committee responsibilities include:
 - a. Feedback to EMS personnel
 - b. Submit required quarterly data within the required timeframes;
 - i. Review all data prior to sending for accuracy and to ensure that the calls originated in Riverside County.
 - c. Review and comment upon any policy changes;
 - d. Communication with REMSA on all issues, concerns and ideas regarding the prehospital Stroke System;
 - e. Maintain Stroke Center accreditation requirements;
 - f. Identify specific Stroke patients for case presentation at the quarterly Prehospital Stroke System meetings
 - i. Prior to presentation to the committee, all organizations involved with the case (Fire Department, EMS Transport Provider, Sending Hospital if appropriate, and Stroke Center) must be involved in the preliminary case review
 - g. Provide evidence that processes are in place to best utilize IR centers;
 - i. Metrics to be decided upon annually by the Stroke System Committee

4. Membership:
 - a. Chairperson will be the Specialty Program Coordinator
 - b. The Committee is open to all hospital and prehospital care personnel in Riverside County;
 - c. On an ad-hoc basis, subject matter experts will be invited to attend and/or present at the meetings

5. Attendance:
 - a. The committee will meet at least quarterly/as scheduled per year;
 - b. Members will notify the EMS Agency staff in advance of any scheduled meeting the member will be unable to attend.

6. Voting:
 - a. When a vote is necessary for a formal recommendation to the Medical Director or director of REMSA, a simple majority of meetings participants will carry the authority needed for the recommendation. One vote from each organization will be counted.

7. Committee Documentation:
 - a. Meeting minutes will be kept by the EMS Agency and posted on the Stroke Committee webpage on remsa.us

8. Confidentiality:
 - a. All proceedings, documents and discussions of the Stroke Advisory Committee are confidential and are covered under Sections 1040 and 1157.7 of the California State Evidence Code. The prohibition relating to discovery of testimony provided to the Committee shall be applicable to all proceedings and records of this Committee, which is one established by a local government agency to monitor, evaluate and report on the necessity, quality and level of specialty health services, including but not limited to, STEMI critical care services.
 - b. Issues requiring system input may be sent to the EMS Agencies for presentation to the System Advisory Committees (PMAC or EMCC) for input.