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Regional Advanced Life Support Utilization Criteria

The following list is intended provide guidance to EMS agencies and dispatch centers in determining if a patient requires or may significantly benefit from pre-hospital Advanced Life Support (ALS) intervention. Specific criteria that dictate Paramedic responses are:

<p>Airway Obstruction / Choking Altered Mental Status / Confusion Allergic Reaction / Anaphylaxis Cardiac Emergency / Chest Pain / Cardiac Arrest Drowning / Near Drowning Drug Overdose / Reaction Electrical Shock Hypothermia Hemorrhage (Uncontrolled) Heat Stroke / Exhaustion Major Trauma  Mass Casualty Incident Shock / Hypoperfusion Suspected Stroke / CVA Obstetrical Emergency / Child Birth Poisoning / Toxic Exposure Respiratory Distress / Difficulty Breathing Seizure / Post Seizure State Unresponsive / Unconscious Unstable or Abnormal Vital Signs</p>	<p>a) Physical Findings Consistent with NYSDOH BLS Protocols b) Mechanism of Injury:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fall of Greater Than 20 Feet (Adult) - Fall of Greater Than 10 Feet (Child) - Auto Vs. Pedestrian / Bicyclist (Thrown, Run Over, or Greater Than 20MPH) - Motorcycle Crash : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater Than 20 MPH with Separation of Rider (Adult) • Any Motorcycle Crash (Child) - Vehicle Vs. Pedestrian / Bicyclist Auto Crash (Thrown, Run Over, or Greater Than 20 MPH) - Vehicle Crash With: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Death In Same Passenger Compartment • Ejection (Partial or Complete) • Intrusion (Greater Than 12 Inches Occupant Site / 18 Inches Other Site) • Rollover: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ With Unrestrained Occupant (Adult) ○ Any Rollover (Child) • Vehicle Telemetry Data Consistent With High Risk Injury <p>c) Serious Burns (Chemical, Electrical, Thermal) d) High Risk Patients Consistent with NYSDOH BLS Protocols</p>
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These criteria are not to be substituted for good clinical judgment. Since patients do not always fit into a rigid formula approach, situations may occur which do not meet these criteria. In any situation where it is thought that ALS intervention is needed, a request for ALS services is appropriate. A recognized Emergency Medical Dispatch program will be considered equivalent to the above criteria.

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