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Re: Cardiac Arrest Transport

Distribution: All EMS Agencies, REMO Physicians

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Purpose: To advance the care of our patients and assure the safety of our providers

There is no medical benefit to transporting patients in cardiac arrest with CPR in progress. In fact, in systems where there has been a change to aggressive on-scene care and non-transport of patients without return of spontaneous circulation, the resuscitation rate has increased.

Given the lack of evidence supporting transport in these circumstances, and considering the potential benefits of resuscitation efforts without transport, the following change in procedure is directed:

New procedure:

No adult medical cardiac arrest is to be moved to a hospital with manual or mechanical compressions in progress without either return of spontaneous circulation or a direct order from a medical control physician unless there is imminent physical danger to the EMS providers on the scene.