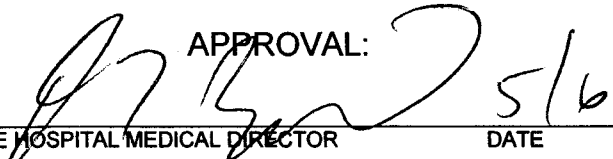



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SUBJECT: VEHICULAR EXPERIENCE**POLICY:**

An 8 hour ride along with an ALS transport ambulance and a 4 hour observation shift at MEDS Control will be completed as part of the Base Hospital orientation program.

PURPOSE:

Vehicular experience gained by the Emergency Department Physicians and Nurse Intermediaries will help establish/maintain good working relationships between Pre-hospital providers and base hospital personnel, acquaint new personnel with the capabilities of field units and aid ongoing evaluation of Pre-hospital provider performance.

APPLICABLE TO:

Emergency Department Nurse Intermediaries
Emergency Department Physicians

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN:

The hospital is committed to the appropriate in-service education of all those affected by a new policy so that implementation will occur in a consistent and informed manner. The administrator (or designee) in charge of the relevant department will be responsible for the in-service education of those employees affected by the policy. There will be an employee sign-in sheet or other similar documentation to establish the employees who have received education on the policy. The appropriate administrator (or designee) will maintain such documentation.

PROCEDURE:

- 1.0 The Prehospital Coordinator monitors the participation of the Physicians and Nurse Intermediaries and reports to the Base Hospital Medical Director and/or the ED Nurse Manager any concerns or issues.
- 2.0 The Physicians and Nurse Intermediaries are to schedule vehicular and MEDS Control observation time with the Pre-hospital Coordinator. Documentation of the observation experiences will be completed by the participant.
- 3.0 The Prehospital Coordinator will review the observation experience forms for any issues that may need to be addressed.
- 4.0 The Prehospital Coordinator will keep the observation experience forms on file in individuals Base Hospital file.