ACCREDITATION OBJECTIVES

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Upon completion of the accreditation program, the participant will be able to:

Discuss the responsibilities of the Base Hospital in supervising the medical care rendered by paramedics and MICNs.
Reference #304

Discuss the ALS unit staffing requirements for 911 and inter-facility transport.
Reference #408 & 409

Describe the principles used to determine patient destination.
Reference #502 & 517

Discuss the criteria when hospitals can divert an ALS or BLS ambulance.
Reference #503

Identify the proper destination for trauma patients.
Reference #506 & 506.1

Identify the appropriate destination for a victim of sexual assault.
Reference #508 & 508.1

State the age that determines when the destination should be a pediatric specialty care center.
Reference #510

Identify the different destinations that a pediatric patient may be transported to.
Reference #510 & ALTE handout

Discuss the assessment findings used in determining the destination of a pregnant patient.
Reference #511

State the destination appropriate for a burn patient without major trauma.
Reference #512 & 1138

Give the rationale why specific burn patients must be transported to a trauma hospital.
Reference #512 & 1138

Identify proper management of patients with a STEMI identified by a 12 lead EKG.
Reference #513 & 1302

Identify the appropriate destination for a cardiac arrest patient with ROSC.
Reference #516

Discuss how patient destination is determined during a multi casualty incident
Reference #519, 519.1, 519.2, 519.3, 519.4

Identify a possible stroke patient using the modified LAPSS criteria and the appropriate destination hospital.
Reference #521 & 521.1

Identify the requirements for confidentiality, documentation and disposition of the ems patient care record.
Reference #602, 606, 608, 610, & 612

Describe the procedure to ensure accountability and the responsibilities for controlled drugs issued to an ALS Unit.
Reference #702

Discuss how Ref #802 impacts ALS field treatment procedures.
Reference #802, & 802.1

Determine the skills, medications, and standards of care authorized in the Los Angeles County Paramedic Scope of Practice.
Reference #803, 803.1, 806, 806.1, 1200 Series (Treatment Protocols), 1300 Series (Medical Control Guidelines), & Pediatric Airway Study handout

Discuss how application of Ref #806 benefits timely initiation of patient care.
Reference #806 & 806.1

Identify the procedures and treatments allowed prior to base hospital contact or when contact cannot be established.
Reference #806 & 806.1

Compare and contrast the patient situations in which Paramedics are required to make base contact or must transport.
Reference #808 & 808.1

Identify situations when resuscitation efforts may be withheld or discontinued without making base station contact.
Reference #814 & Policies Related to Death and Dying handout

Discuss the procedures that must be performed and documented for determination or pronouncement of death in the field when ROSC has not occurred.
Reference #814

Describe treatments that can be given or withheld based on instructions contained in Advance Health Care Directives (AHCD) and Physician's Order for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST).
Reference #814, 815, 815.1, 815.2 & Policies Related to Death and Dying handout

Explain the differences between pronouncement and determination of death.
Reference #814

Explain the procedure that allows a physician at scene to assume responsibly of patient care.
Reference #816

Identify the specific abusive situations that must be reported by Paramedics.
Reference #508, 822 & 823

Discuss the proper disposition of minors when no treatment or transport is required.
Reference #832

Compare and contrast between situations where a patient is “released at scene” to those where they are left “Against Medical Advice” (AMA).
Reference #832 & 834

Discuss the documentation elements to be followed to allow a patient to remain on scene “against medical advice” (AMA).
Reference #832 & 834

Describe how competence is determined for purposes of treatment and transport.
Reference #834

Describe the procedures to be followed by field personnel when a patient declines treatment or transport.
Reference #834

Compare and contrast the types of restraints that are approved and those that are prohibited in Los Angeles County.
Reference #838

State the complications that can arise from the use of unapproved restraining procedures.
Reference #838

Describe the procedure for maintaining continuous accreditation/certification for Paramedics/MICNs in Los Angeles County.
Reference #1006, 1010, & 903

Describe the field presentation of an Apparent Life Threatening Event (ALTE).
ALTE handout

State the assessment and reporting requirements for pediatric weights in Los Angeles County.
Reference #1328

Illustrate the indications and benefits of using CPAP for a patient in respiratory distress.
Reference #1249 & Reference #1312

Differentiate between mechanisms of injury that result in Crush Injury and those that lead to Crush Syndrome.
Crush Syndrome handout & Reference #1273

Describe the field management for Crush Injury/Syndrome.
Crush Syndrome handout & Reference #1273

Describe methods to increase success of first attempt intubation.
Difficult Airway handout & ALS Skills handout

Explain the indications and contraindications of the Flex Guide ET Tube Introducer.
Difficult Airway handout & ALS Skills handout

Describe the methods used to verify successful intubation.
Difficult Airway handout, Reference #1304 and ALS Skills handout

Discuss the appropriate management for administration of oxygen in field.
Oxygen Administration handout & Reference 1304

Distinguish disease processes where oxygen administration therapy has not demonstrated to be scientifically beneficial.
Oxygen Administration handout & Reference 1304

Describe the field management of nerve agent exposure including use of 2-PAMCl (Pralidoxime Chloride) and Atropine.
Reference #1225, WMD Drug Card handouts – Protopam (DuoDote), Diazepam, Atropine, & DuoDote Training

Describe the proper management of pain in the field including recognition, assessment using various scales and application of specific interventions including medications.
Reference #1248, 815.2 & Reference #1326, Pain Management handout & Policies Related to Death and Dying handout

Identify the indications and which Pre-existing Vascular Access Devices Paramedics are able to access in Los Angeles County.
PVAD handout and PVAD Skill

Describe the difficulties in managing a patient with a tracheostomy.
Tracheostomy Care handout & Suctioning – Tracheostomy and Stoma Care Skill

Discuss ALS to BLS downgrade and potential implications for patient care.
Reference #808 & ALS to BLS downgrade handout

Explain Agitated Delirium and the potential implications for patient care.
Reference #1241 & Reference #1310, Agitated Delirium handout & Nasal Drug Delivery handout, Midazolam (Versed) Drug Card

Explain rationale for Paramedics not removing taser darts and/or performing medical clearance in the field.
Reference #1310

Discuss the indications and appropriate management of a patient using inhaled epinephrine.
Reference #1249 and Nasal Drug Delivery handout

Discuss the appropriate use of Ondansetron (Zofran).
Reference #1202, Ondansetron handout

Describe the field treatment for assisting patients with emergency medications.
Reference #802, 802.1, 803 & 803.1, Assisting Patients with Emergency Medications handout

Describe the ethical responsibilities of an EMS Healthcare provider.
Reference #1301

Skills Information

Discuss the proper use of the ET Tube Introducer (Flex Guide).
ALS Skills handout

Identify the indications and proper landmarks for performing a needle thoracostomy.
ALS Skills handout

Describe the proper technique for administering intranasal medications using the Mucosal Administration Device (MAD).
ALS Skills Handout

Illustrate the proper technique for insertion of the King LTS-D airway.
ALS Skills Handout

Discuss the proper technique for accessing Pre-existing Vascular Access Devices.
ALS Skills handout and PVAD handout

Policy Manual - Index
Treatment Protocols – Reference 1200 series
Medical Control Guidelines – Reference 1300 series

Base Hospital – Reference 300 series
Provider Agencies – Reference 400 series
Patient Destination – Reference 500 series
Record Keeping/Documentation – Reference 600 series
Equipment/Pharmaceuticals – Reference 700 series
Scope of Practice/Field Procedures – Reference 800 series
Paramedic Intern Clinical Experience and Field Internship Requirements – Reference 903
Paramedic Accreditation – Reference 1006
Disaster – Reference 1100

Materials above are subject to testing.