

	05-0120	MICN Scope of Practice
Nor-Cal EMS Policy & Procedure Manual	BLS/ALS Protocols	
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Authority

Health and Safety Code Division 2.5, California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9.

Business and Professions Code, Sections 27525 and 2732. California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.1, 1797.56, 1798.107, et al...

Purpose

To define the role for the Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICN) recognized by the Nor-Cal EMS Medical Director.

Policy

1. No person will hold themselves out or function in the role as a MICN unless that person has met the MICN requirements and is currently authorized by Nor-Cal EMS.
2. No person or organization other than a hospital which is currently designated as a base hospital or alternative base station by Nor-Cal EMS will utilize MICN's to provide field care instructions/orders to prehospital personnel.
3. No person or organization will provide or hold themselves out as providing an ALS prehospital emergency medical care service utilizing registered nurses unless that person or organization is currently approved as a MICN service provider by Nor-Cal EMS.
4. Nothing in this section will restrict the duties or functions of a registered nurse or MICN as otherwise permitted by law.

MICN Functions / Responsibilities / Hospital

1. In addition to any other duties or functions which a registered nurse may perform as otherwise provided by law, an authorized MICN may, while on duty for an approved base hospital/station, and according to Nor-Cal EMS policy and procedures, may issue instructions to prehospital emergency medical care personnel who, as a part of the local EMS system, have responded to the scene of a medical emergency or are performing an interfacility transport.
2. The MICN coordinates radio communications with the base emergency department (ED) physician and other hospital personnel to facilitate optimal patient care.
3. The MICN is to complete a base station report when orders are given to prehospital personnel. The report must be filed in the patient's medical records.
4. An authorized MICN may perform any activity identified in the scope of practice of an EMT, AEMT, or Paramedic, as identified in CCR, Title 22, Division 9, and as authorized according to Nor-Cal EMS ALS protocols.
5. The MICN may initiate standardized procedures for which they have documentation of training/competency and which are approved by Nor-Cal EMS and their base hospital. A standardized procedure is required when the nurse is performing a medical function beyond the usual scope of RN practice (i.e. when the RN determines that based on patient condition a treatment/intervention takes place). The nurse must be currently capable to perform the procedure and any RN who undertakes a procedure without the competence to do so is grossly negligent and subject to discipline by Nor-Cal EMS and the Board of Registered Nursing.
 - A. Regional standardized procedures currently in effect:
 - a. External Pacing.
 - b. Surgical Cricothyrotomy.
6. All standardized procedures to be implemented by base hospitals for use in the prehospital setting must be approved by the Nor-Cal EMS Medical Director prior to implementation and contain the following:
 - A. Be in writing, dated and signed by Nor-Cal EMS Medical Director and the Base Hospital Medical Director.
 - B. Specify which standardized procedure functions registered nurses may perform and under what circumstances.
 - C. State any specific requirements which are to be followed by registered nurses in performing particular standardized procedure functions.

- D. Specify any experience, training and/or education requirements for performance of standardized procedure functions.
- E. Establish a method for initial and continuing evaluation of the competence of those registered nurses authorized to perform standardized procedure functions.
- F. Provide for a method of maintaining a written record of those persons authorized to perform standardized procedure functions.
- G. Specify the scope of supervision required for performance of standardized procedure functions, for example, telephone contact with the physician.
- H. Set forth any specialized circumstances under which the registered nurse is to immediately communicate with a patient's physician concerning the patient's condition.
- I. State the limitations on settings, if any, in which standardized procedure functions may be performed.
- J. Specify patient record-keeping requirements.
- K. Provide for a method of periodic review of the standardized procedures.

MICN Functions / Responsibilities / Field

1. Establish contact with his/her base hospital/station as defined in the ALS Scope of Practice policy.
2. Comply with all Nor-Cal EMS policies and procedures and the standardized procedures approved by Nor-Cal EMS and their base hospital.
3. Complete an electronic field run report immediately, upon delivery of the patient to the receiving hospital and in no case will filing be delayed more than 24 hours.
4. Function according to regional and base hospital policies and procedures when requested to respond outside the jurisdiction of Nor-Cal EMS with an EMS team.