Intercept Policy

Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to ensure that Advanced Life Support/Limited Advanced Life Support ambulances are dispatched, when available, to patients requiring Advanced Life Support/Limited Advanced Life Support levels of care.

Procedure

If a transport has begun by a Basic Life Support (BLS) unit, a rendezvous with an Advanced Life Support (ALS) (Limited Advanced Life Support if ALS unit not available) unit should be attempted at a mutually agreed upon location. Rendezvous is indicated if it will occur at a point, which is greater than five (5) minutes from the receiving hospital. For patients in cardiac arrest being transported in non AED equipped BLS units, ALS, (LALS -- AED equipped) intercept is indicated at any point during the transport.

1. Indications for ALS Intercept
   A. All priority 1 & 2 patients

2. Indications for LALS
   A. All Priority 1 patients & some Priority 2 patients as indicated by Medical Control.

NOTE: BLS unit may contact Medical Control for assistance with any situation as necessary.