

Appendix C:

UNM EMS Consortium Field Response Program

Purpose: To provide an understanding to all personnel within the Albuquerque Metro Area EMS System of the UNM EMS Consortium Field Response Program and how the physicians that comprise this group function within the established system.

ALL PROVIDERS

The UNM EMS Medical Direction Consortium (The Consortium) brings together all the EMS resources within the University Of New Mexico Department Of Emergency Medicine. The Consortium consists of multiple EMS Medical Directors, each who also serves as a faculty member within the Department, EMS Fellows obtaining additional training in EMS Medical Direction, and Management.

Partner agencies are those agencies to whom the Consortium provides medical direction or with whom the Consortium has a contract.

The Consortium has field response capabilities and will be providing on-scene medical oversight, consultation and patient care throughout the Metro area. The EMS Fellows will be the primary EMS Physicians in the field. The goals of the Field Response Program are to: increase interaction between medical directors and field providers, provide real-time education and feedback to EMS providers, improve overall system design and functioning, enhance patient care, and educate the fellows about the complicated realities of EMS fieldwork.

All members of the Consortium are approved and recognized Medical Control Emergency Physicians (MCEPs) within the Albuquerque Metro Area EMS System. Furthermore each Consortium Physician is considered an Assistant Medical Director for all Consortium Partner Agencies. As such these Physicians do not fall under the TT-18 "MD at Scene" Protocol. Orders from the Physicians are no different from those obtained by radio [MCEP](#) consultation or from direct contact with a Service Medical Director.

On-scene orders received by field providers from a Consortium Physician should be signed for BY THAT PHYSICIAN prior to transport to patient's receiving hospital, unless the Physician is going along to the hospital or meeting the crew at the hospital.

Involvement of Consortium Physicians in on-scene patient care in no way mandates transport of a patient to UNM facilities. Consortium Physicians will respond to scenes based on automatic dispatch criteria with Partner Agencies, requests from field providers or from monitoring radio traffic. Providers from any Partner Agency may request a field response for complicated situations. Once on-scene, the Consortium Physician will interact equally with all providers from any agency. EMS Consortium physicians can be reached through Albuquerque Ambulance Dispatch 505-449-5710.