



STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

Contra Costa County Operations

Patient Focused, Customer Center, Caregiver Inspired

SOP #: 237
Bariatric Responses
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A. Purpose

The purpose of the Bariatric unit is to provide safe, competent medical care, and transport our patient with a minimum of pain and discomfort in an effort to create an atmosphere of compassion, respect and dignity to the morbidly obese population. For this policy, a bariatric patient requiring special response/transport will be classified as a patient weighing in excess of 700 pounds. All front-line Stryker Gurney's in the AMR Contra Costa County Operation are rated for patients up to 700 pounds

B. Definition

An obese patient that exceeds the weight limitations of 700lbs or does not fit the dimensions of the Stryker Power Gurney comfortably.

C. Procedure

1. When a Bariatric Unit is requested to respond to a 911 System Call by the Fire Company Officer or AMR Crew Member on scene, the Communications Center is required to contact the EMS Supervisor (EMS2) and assign them to the call. The EMS Supervisor will contact the resources on scene to determine the most appropriate resource to send. **Because there is no regularly staffed crew on a Bariatric unit it is imperative that requesting AMR crew members and Fire Company Officer provide early notification for requesting the Bariatric Unit Response.** *Time verses benefit should be taken into account when making decisions on whether to initiate use or not use the Bariatric Unit resource.*
2. The Communications Center will dispatch the closest most appropriate unit to AMR Operations in Concord
3. The EMS Supervisor will contact the Sutter IFT Supervisor to obtain the keys to the Sutter IFT Bariatric Unit.
4. The EMS Supervisor will assure that the Bariatric Unit is available and in a state of readiness
5. The responding unit will perform a quick rig swap and advise the Communications Center when enroute to the call.

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6. Upon arrival to the scene the crew that made initial contact will retain patient care, the secondary crew will assist with logistics. **BOTH** crews will be required to complete PCR's within the guidelines of AMR Contra Costa County SOP#210
7. After the patient has been transported and transfer of care is complete, the secondary crew will return the Bariatric Unit to AMR Operations Concord and contact EMS2. Crew will then go back into service in their primary ambulance.
8. EMS2 will make sure that the Bariatric unit is returned to a state of readiness, and return the keys to AMR Sutter. EMS2 will contact Sutter IFT Supervisor to advise that their resource has returned.

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