

EMS HELICOPTER REQUEST AND DESTINATION

First Responder Considerations to Request

TIME and NEED

TIME - A savings of 10 minutes over ground

NEED - one or more of the following:

- High Risk Motor Vehicle Accident
 - ◊ Major damage to vehicle (e.g. head-on/entrapment)
 - ◊ Patient ejection
 - ◊ Three (3) or more patients
- Auto vs. Pedestrian/Bicyclist
 - ◊ Thrown or run over with significant injuries
- Motorcycle/ATV (or like vehicle) Accident with injuries
- Other situations not listed, but the first responder believes the condition of the patient is critical

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Additional Consideration to Request

Upon patient evaluation - consider requesting for:

- Meets trauma triage criteria
- Meets STEMI activation guidelines
- ALOC with no response to treatment
- Respiratory compromise or arrest
- Childbirth complications
- Neurovascular compromise to a limb(s)
- Hypotension - medical < 100 mmHg

Destination Guidelines

- TIME AND NEED considerations have been reviewed
- Transport to the appropriate hospital with an approved helispot/pad
- Trauma patients meeting Step 1 or 2 shall be transported to a Trauma Center when possible
- Trauma Patient meeting Step 3 or 4 - consult with SLO Trauma Center for destination
- SLU ECC shall be notified of the destination