
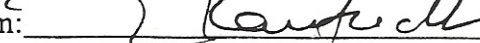


Subject: Treatment Guidelines – BLS Personnel
Behavioral Emergencies

Associated Policies:

- I. Priorities
 - A. Rescuer safety.
 - B. Assess and treat organic illness or injury.
 - C. Communicate with transporting ambulance or base hospital.
 - D. Transport.
- II. Behavioral Emergencies
 - A. Protect yourself and other rescuers.
 - B. Summon law enforcement.
 - C. Forcible restraint should be considered only if:
 - 1. The patient is detained as outlined in Section 5150 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and
 - 2. Sufficient personnel are available to overpower the patient, and
 - 3. Treatment/transport requires the use of force to assure safety of the patient and rescuers.
 - 4. Use appropriate restraint devices. Never hog tie (restrain in a prone position) or restrict patient's ability to breath.
 - 5. Reassess frequently during transport.
 - D. Assess and treat life-threatening injuries first.
 - E. Additional assessment and treatment as situation permits.
 - 1. Secondary survey may be deferred if it will aggravate patient's condition.
 - F. Communicate with transporting ambulance or base hospital.

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