

Standard Operating Guidelines

ALS Requests

Purpose :

To provide for proper ALS treatment and Transport to Emergency Departments

Policy:

Provide ALS service to those in need in a timely manner.

Procedure:

ALS units will be dispatched from Westchester EMS or Norwalk Hospital per protocol to Vista EMS calls. Whenever possible, Westchester 45 medic Units will be dispatched to all calls in our response district. If they are not available, Norwalk Hospital medics will be dispatched.

EMT will provide updates on patient condition when available to the incoming medic units. If the EMT feels that ALS will not be required, the responding medic will be placed in service.

Transport issues that must be considered:

Patients attended to by Westchester Medics may be transported to both Connecticut and New York Hospitals. Patients treated by Norwalk Hospital ALS **must be transported to Connecticut Hospitals** due to licensing parameters, with only declared state of emergency exceptions.

If a patient refuses transport to a Connecticut Hospital by Norwalk Hospital medics, then an immediate request should be made for a Westchester EMS medic to respond to the scene. Norwalk medics shall be kept on scene until proper transfer of patient occurs.