

Suffolk County Medical Control - Stony Brook University Medical Center

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Stony Brook University Medical Center is contracted by the Suffolk County Department of Health Services, Division of Emergency Medical Services to provide medical control for the Suffolk County Emergency Medical Services System. The medical control facility provides online physician consultation 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year. Medical direction is available for both ALS and BLS providers. Medical Control handled 21,787 calls for 2007 of which 3,747 (17%) were requests for RMA (refusal of medical assistance).

Medical Control is also responsible for maintaining a computerized registry for all advanced life support calls in the County as well as any basic life support calls that were facilitated by medical control. The registry includes patient clinical and demographic information as well as field provider data and field provider skill completion documentation. Medical control also follows up with the receiving hospital for all patients that were intubated to document correct endotracheal tube placement. All patients are followed up on from participating hospitals for ED diagnosis and whether they were admitted or discharged from the hospital. This database allows for analysis of quality improvement measures which are used to assist the Medical Director and Suffolk County REMAC in quality improvement programs for the Suffolk County Emergency Medical Service system.