



Date: Friday, August 18, 2017  
To: Chief Michael Stringfellow  
All Paramedic Providers  
From: David Miramontes, MD FACEP FAEMS NREMT, Medical Director San Antonio Fire Department  
Re: **Christus Medical Center is suspended as a Heart Alert/STEMI Center until further notice**

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We have been advised by Christus Medical Center leadership that their cath lab will have no nighttime or weekend coverage for a temporary period of time yet to be determined.

Effective immediately SAFD Medic Units **WILL NOT** transport any patient that meets Heart Alert criteria or any unstable Chest pain patient to the Christus Medical Center. There are four Heart Alert Hospitals in the medical center area and such patients shall be transported to either Main Methodist , University, St. Luke's or Texan.

We will notify all providers when Christus Medical Center has full capabilities as a Heart Alert PCI center that is in accordance with the STRAC Heart Alert letter of Agreement

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Miramontes". The signature is stylized and cursive.

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### APPENDIX C. HOSPITAL SELECTION GUIDE

- a) Field paramedics and Dispatch shall NOT divert patients from an appropriately selected hospital without the approval of Medical Control; patients with an altered level of consciousness shall not be taken to a hospital with a non-functioning CT Scanner.
- b) "Trauma Alert" (Priority 1 or 2) Adult patients are transported to the nearest Level 1 Hospital (SAMMC, UH); Pediatric "Trauma Alert" patients may ONLY be taken to University Hospital. "Trauma Alert" burn patients - All Adult Burn Trauma Alert (R-8) patients are transported to SAMMC, all Pediatric Burn Trauma Alert (R-7) patients are transported to University Hospital. Transports are done as rapidly as safely possible.
- c) Sexual assault patients 17 years or older who are assessed as Priority 2 or 3 patients (Non Trauma Alert) shall be transported to Methodist Specialty and Transplant Hospital; patients not yet 17 years of age shall be transported to Children's Hospital of San Antonio.
- d) Free standing Emergency Centers (FEC's) accept Priority 3 patients. See STRAC FEC Typing Matrix for further guidance.
- e) Heart Alert: PCI - Percutaneous Coronary Intervention certified facility.
- f) Stroke Alert: Comprehensive - Comprehensive Stroke Center certified facility; Primary - Primary Stroke Center certified facility; or Acute Stroke Ready Center.
- g) For suspected CO poisoning, Full = multi-patient chamber with CO testing available, Partial = CO testing capabilities but does not have multi-patient chamber, None = does not have CO testing capabilities.
- h) For other categories of care use the following grid:

		Adult			Heart Alert	Post ROSC Hypo-thermia	Stroke Alert	Obstetrics	CO Poisoning	Bariatric CT lbs / in	Pediatric (Not yet 17 years of age)		
		P-1	P-2								P-1	P-2	
		Medical	Trauma	Medical								Medical	Trauma
Baptist	Baptist Medical Center	Yes	Yes	Yes	PCI	Yes	Primary	Yes	Partial	600 / 26	No <sup>4</sup>	Yes	Yes
	North Central Baptist	Yes	Yes	Yes	PCI	Yes	Primary	Yes	Partial	450 / 26	No <sup>4</sup>	No	No
	Baptist Children's Hospital	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes <sup>2</sup>	No	Partial	450 / 26	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Mission Trails Baptist	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Primary	No	Partial	450 / 26	No <sup>4</sup>	Yes	Yes
	Northeast Baptist	Yes	Yes	Yes	PCI	Yes	Primary	Yes	Partial	400 / 26	No <sup>4</sup>	Yes	Yes
	Overlook FEC	No <sup>4</sup>	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	350 / 27	No <sup>4</sup>	No	No
	St. Luke's Baptist	Yes	Yes	Yes	PCI	Yes	Comprehensive	Yes	Partial	450 / 26	No <sup>4</sup>	Yes	Yes
Methodist	Methodist	Yes	Yes	Yes	PCI	Yes	Comprehensive	Yes	FULL	660 / 30	No <sup>4</sup>	No	No
	Methodist Children's	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes <sup>2</sup>	No	FULL	660 / 30	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Metropolitan Methodist	Yes	Yes	Yes	PCI	Yes	Primary	Yes	No	450 / 28	No <sup>4</sup>	Yes	Yes
	Methodist Specialty and Transport	Yes	Yes	Yes	No <sup>1</sup>	No <sup>1</sup>	No <sup>1</sup>	No	Partial	650 / 27	No <sup>4</sup>	Yes	Yes
	Methodist Stone Oak	Yes	Yes	Yes	PCI	Yes	Primary	Yes	No	450 / 28	No <sup>4</sup>	Yes	Yes
	Methodist Quarry FEC	No <sup>4</sup>	No	No	No	No	No	No	Partial	450 / 32	No <sup>4</sup>	No	No
	Methodist TexSan Hospital	Yes	Yes	Yes	PCI	No	No	No	No	425 / 27	No <sup>4</sup>	Yes	Yes
	Northeast Methodist	Yes	Yes	Yes	PCI	Yes	Primary	No	No	660 / 28	No <sup>4</sup>	Yes	Yes
Christus	Children's Hospital of San Antonio	No	No	No	No	No	Yes <sup>2</sup>	No	Partial	660 / 28	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Children's Hospital of SA FEC Westover Hills	No <sup>4</sup>	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	500 / 30	No <sup>4</sup>	No	No
	Christus Alon FEC	No <sup>4</sup>	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	350 / 27	No <sup>4</sup>	No	No
	Christus Santa Rosa Medical Center	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Primary	No	Partial	450 / 23	No <sup>4</sup>	Yes	Yes
	Christus Santa Rosa Westover Hills	Yes	Yes	Yes	PCI	Yes	Primary	Yes	No	450 / 28	No <sup>4</sup>	Yes	Yes
	San Antonio Military Medical Center *	Yes	Yes	Yes	PCI	Yes	No	Yes	No	500 / 30	No <sup>4</sup>	No	Yes
	Nix Medical Center	Yes	Yes	Yes	PCI	No	No	No	FULL	450 / 28	No <sup>4</sup>	Yes	Yes
	Southwest General	Yes	Yes	Yes	PCI	No	Primary	Yes	No	450 / 27	No <sup>4</sup>	Yes	Yes
	University Hospital	Yes	Yes	Yes	PCI	Yes	Comprehensive <sup>2</sup>	Yes	Partial	650 / 32	Yes <sup>5</sup>	Yes <sup>5</sup>	Yes <sup>5</sup>
	South Texas Veteran's Health Care Center **	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No <sup>3</sup>	No	No	No

\*SAMMC - Accepts only military beneficiaries; \*\* VA Beneficiaries only; 1 - Go to Methodist; 2 - Accept Pediatric Strokes; 3 - CT Scan at UHS;

4 - Except for P1 Override / Patient Extremus; 5 - UHS is not a stand-alone Children's Hospital.