



Title: Failure of Equipment (Advanced & Basic Life Support) During Patient Care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Procedure <input type="checkbox"/> SOP
Category: Primary & Advanced Care Paramedic Non-Clinical Dept/Prog/Service: Base Hospital Program	Distribution: NW Region Ambulance Operators & Paramedics
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1. POLICY STATEMENT

All regional land ambulance services are required to report any device (ALS or BLS equipment) breakdown or failure immediately to the Base Hospital Program if the failure takes place during patient care or immediately preceding or following a call.

2. DEFINITIONS

- i. Medical Director: means a physician designated by a RBH as the Medical Director of the RBHP
- ii. Regional Base Hospital: means a base hospital as defines in subsection 1(1) of the *Ambulance Act*, and provides an RBHP pursuant to an agreement into with the MOHLTC
- iii. Regional Base Hospital Program: means a base hospital program as defined in subsection 1(1) of the *Ambulance Act*

3. PROCEDURE

An event report should be completed explaining the equipment failure in as much detail as possible. The ambulance service provider is responsible for immediately removing the equipment from service and having their biomedical company service the equipment. The final biomedical report should be copied to the Base Hospital.

The Base Hospital Program Medical Director and/or staff member will review the patient information to find indications that the equipment failure may or may not have had a direct link to the patient's outcome.

Services can use the Base Hospital Event Report or use their own service report as long as all pertinent information is provided.

4. RELATED PRACTICES AND/OR LEGISLATIONS

- i. *Ambulance Act (Ontario) and Ontario Regulation 257/00*

5. REFERENCES

- i. *Current EHSB MOHLTC Basic Life Saving (BLS) & Advanced Life Saving (ALS) Patient Care Standards(PCS)*
- ii. *Current EHSB MOHLTC Ontario Ambulance Equipment Standards*