



OMD Clinical Administrative Policy

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Hospital Medical Services Capacity Overload Temporary Alterations to Clinical Standards General Orders

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A "Community Wide Hospital System Overload/Surge" may be declared by the OMD with appropriate input from leaders in public safety (eg. MMRS, EMS, fire, or police), public health, and/or local and state government agencies when correlated with best available information. Examples of events that could constitute an OMD declaration of a "Community Wide Hospital System Overload/Surge" include:

- A. Infectious disease in OMD declared epidemic (eg. Influenza)
- B. Natural disasters
- C. Manmade events

By the order of the Chief Medical Officer (or his/her acting designee), recognizing hospital-initiated emergency department divert requests will be suspended until the EMS-hospital system interface dynamics has "normalized" in the judgement of the Chief Medical Officer (or his/her acting designee). The suspension of recognizing hospital-initiated emergency department divert requests affects those specific requests (ie. does not apply to hospital-initiated trauma divert requests).