

# THE REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL OF NEW YORK CITY, INC.



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The Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) of New York City has revised and updated the regional prehospital treatment and transport protocols. All revisions have been approved by the New York State Emergency Medical Advisory Committee for use in the NYC region.

The following General Operating Procedures (GOPs) were reviewed / revised / added:

- ***Transportation Procedures and Decisions: Major Burns (Revised)***
- ***Appendix S: Current List of New York City Burn Disaster Receiving Hospital (BDRH) Locations and Tier (New – added)***

New Language is **underlined and bold**. Deleted Language is ~~struck-out~~.

***PROCEDURES ARE TO BE IMPLEMENTED BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2009. ALL EMS PERSONNEL MUST BE UPDATED BY JULY 1, 2009.***

Current and Updated Protocols can be accessed at the Regional EMS Council website:  
[www.nycremsco.org](http://www.nycremsco.org).

Owners/operators of Ambulance and ALS First Response Services providing prehospital medical treatment within the five boroughs of the City of New York are responsible to provide copies of the NYC REMAC Prehospital Treatment Protocols to their personnel, and to ensure that Service Medical Directors and EMS personnel are informed of all changes/updates to the NYC REMAC Prehospital Treatment Protocols.

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## *Transportation Procedures and Decisions: Major Burns*

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The following General Operating Procedures (GOPs) were reviewed and revised:

➤ ***Transportation Procedures and Decisions: Major Burns***

**Purpose:**

In order to operationalize the NYC Burn Disaster Plan, REMAC has modified the General Operating Procedures for Major Burn Patients in a Burn MCI. This will allow prehospital providers to transport patients to one of the 30 Burn Disaster Receiving Hospitals (BDRH) and for NYC Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to operationalize the City Burn Plan.

These Burn Disaster Receiving Hospitals have the equipment and staff to provide initial burn care in a Burn Disaster for up to ten seriously burned patients and are an essential part of the organized system for initial management and organized transport to designated burn centers when beds are made available. The current REMAC operation plan requires that patients with major burns, other than those with the listed exclusions be taken to one of the 911 System Burn Centers which in a large scale burn event would overwhelm their capacity and capability to triage and treat these patients. **It is expected that the full scale NYC Burn Disaster Plan would be implemented when it is anticipated that there would be more than 75 patients who may meet the criteria for Burn Center management.** The initial field decision to include the Burn Disaster Receiving Hospitals as destinations for major burn patients may be made by the incident commander or FDNY OMA Physicians based on anticipated numbers, location and transportation factors.

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## **TRANSPORTATION PROCEDURES AND DECISIONS**

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### **Major Burns**

If the mechanism of illness/injury and/or historical/physical findings indicate major burns, transport the patient to the nearest New York City 911 System Burn Center (see Appendix G), unless **one** of the following conditions is met:

- The patient also has major trauma;
- The patient is in cardiac arrest;
- The patient has an unmanageable airway;
- An on-line medical control physician so directs.
- **The event is declared a burn MCI by FDNY-EMS, NYCOEM, NYSDOH, or NYCDOHMH in which case patients may be transported to New York City Burn Disaster Receiving Hospitals (BDRH) as per NYC Burn Disaster Plan (Refer to Appendix S)**

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**NOTE: PATIENTS WITH MAJOR BURNS AND MAJOR TRAUMA MUST BE TAKEN TO THE NEAREST NEW YORK CITY 911 SYSTEM TRAUMA CENTER.**

**PATIENTS IN CARDIAC ARREST OR WITH UNMANAGEABLE AIRWAYS MUST BE TAKEN TO THE NEAREST NEW YORK CITY 911 SYSTEM AMBULANCE DESTINATION EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT.**

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The following is a NEW Appendix:

### Appendix S

#### Current List of New York City Burn Disaster Receiving Hospital (BDRH) Locations and Tier

Name of Hospital	BDRH Tier
Jacobi Medical Center	1
Harlem Hospital Center	1
New York Presbyterian/Weill Cornell	1
Staten Island University Hospital (North)	1
Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center	2
St. Barnabas Hospital	2
Brookdale University Hospital Medical Center	2
Kings County Hospital	2
Lutheran Medical Center	2
Bellevue Hospital Center	2
New York Presbyterian/Children's Hospital	2
St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital Center	2
St. Vincent Hospital Manhattan	2
Elmhurst Hospital Center	2
Jamaica Hospital Medical Center	2
Mary Immaculate Hospital	2
New York Hospital Queens	2
Richmond University Medical Center	2
Montefiore Medical Center	3
North Central Bronx Hospital	3
Coney Island Hospital	3
Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center	3
Maimonides Medical Center	3
Wyckoff Heights Medical Center	3
Metropolitan Hospital Center	3
Mount Sinai Medical Center	3
NYP/Columbia	3
NYU Hospitals Center	3
Flushing Hospital Medical Center	3
Forest Hills Hospital	3