ACCESS TO EMERGENCY SERVICE WITHIN 250 YARDS OF MAIN CAMPUS

Purpose:

To establish the appropriate response by off site clinics (within 250 yards of the main LSUHSC-Shreveport Campus) to receive, screen and stabilize patients presenting with emergency medical conditions in compliance with Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA) standards.

Definitions:

**Emergency Medical Condition** means a patient with acute symptoms of sufficient severity (including severe pain) or hemodynamic instability that in the absence of immediate medical attention could reasonably be expected to result in placing the individual’s health in serious jeopardy, serious impairment to bodily functions, or serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.

**Medical Emergency Condition** means a patient with acute symptoms of sufficient severity (including severe pain) or hemodynamic instability that in the absence of immediate medical attention could reasonably be expected to result in placing the individual’s health in serious jeopardy, serious impairment to bodily functions, or serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.

**Trained clinical personnel** may be physicians, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, physician assistants, or nurse practitioners who are trained in Basic Life Support and designated by the department or clinic.

Procedure:

1. Off site clinics that are within 250 yards of the main campus shall have trained clinical personnel who can respond to patients with emergency medical conditions.

2. When a patient presents in a condition that appears to be emergent, the patient shall immediately be assessed by the appropriate trained personnel, preferably a physician. If, after the screening examination, it is determined that the patient has an emergency medical condition, the following procedure shall be followed:
   
   a. Personnel shall immediately notify Shreveport Emergency Services at 911.
   
   b. Provide the dispatch with the exact location of the individual and a brief description of the individual’s condition.
   
   c. Call the LSUHSC-Emergency Department (@ 675-4569) to communicate the emergency and for the purpose of providing telephone assistance to the clinical personnel in their stabilization efforts.
   
   d. Continue stabilization efforts until Shreveport Emergency Medical Service arrive at which time the Emergency Medical Service technicians will assume treatment efforts.

3. If a medical emergency occurs in a non-clinical setting including, but not limited to, parking areas within the 250-yard rule, personnel shall follow the guidelines listed below.
a. Immediately notify Shreveport Emergency Services at 911.
b. Provide the dispatch with the exact location of the individual and a brief description of the individual’s condition.
c. Call the LSUHSC-Emergency Department (@ 675-4569) to communicate the emergency and for the purpose of dispatching appropriate personnel to assist.
d. Stabilization by LSUHSC personnel will continue until transportation occurs.

4. If transportation is required for any of the above stated conditions the patient will be transported to LSUHSC-Emergency Department. Patients that fall under the EMTALA 250 yard rule (as defined by Hospital policy) and all patients on hospital property will be accepted by the Emergency Department regardless of LSUHSC diversion status.

5. If the patient assessment reveals no emergency medical condition, then EMTALA is no longer in effect. Clinic personnel shall utilize the following guidelines.

a. The patient is provided a follow-up appointment in the appropriate Ambulatory Care Clinic at LSUHSC.
b. The medical screening examination shall be documented and filed in the patient’s permanent medical record.

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