



**KITTITAS COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DIVISION**

Office of the:
MEDICAL PROGRAM DIRECTOR EMS COORDINATOR EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

TO: Kittitas County EMS Providers
FR: Jackson S. Horsley, MD
 Medical Program Director
RE: **EMS Provider Attending Patient**
DATE: October 23, 2000 (Supercedes 12/7/98 SOP and Letter dated 1/5/99)

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

The following Operating Procedure shall be adhered to for identifying ALS patients. For patients that do not meet ALS criteria and fall within the scope of practice of the BLS provider, it is highly recommended that BLS providers attend BLS patients whenever possible to maintain skills.

The Paramedic must attend the patient in the patient compartment of the ambulance, when the patient meets one or more of the following criteria or it is specifically requested by medical control.

- Endotracheal Intubation
- IV Therapy (*Not to include IV Monitor or IV Technicians in accordance with training and protocol.*)
- Cardiac Monitor
- Medication Administration (*Not to include EMT-B or ILS providers assisting a patient to take their own medication or medication carried by agency in accordance with training and protocol.*)
- OB Patient
- Intoxicated Patient
- Patient Refusals
- Upon the mutual determination of the BLS and ALS crew members

NOTE: Documentation of a patient contact and treatment on the medical incident report is considered part of the continuum of care and should be performed by the lead provider attending the patient.

Please direct any questions or concerns to the KC EMS Division.