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EMERGENCY MEDICAL
SERVICES PROGRAM

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Emergency Medical Services Program

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Medical Director

Subject: SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME (SIDS)

I. BLS Treatment Protocol:

- A. Treat life threats. (See Policy 4000)
- B. Prepare for transport / transfer of care.

II. ALS Treatment Protocol

- A. Treat life threats. (See Policy 4000)
- B. Refer to appropriate protocol/s as needed.
- C. Transport.
- D. Contact Base Station.

Notes: BLS & ALS

- In the event that rigor mortis/dependent lividity is present resuscitation is not appropriate.
- Treat as a crime scene and limit movement of the infant and disturbance of the scene.
- Appropriate law enforcement personnel shall be notified and a Fire/EMS representative shall stay on scene until law enforcement arrives and assumes scene control.
- In cases where transport occurs law enforcement must be notified.
- Consult with the Base Hospital for appropriate family referrals as needed.
- All cases of suspected child abuse must be reported.
- Save clothing and diapers for possible law enforcement investigation.