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Hospitals are developing mitigation strategies in anticipation of the potential surge of coronavirus cases. We must incorporate temporary changes to our operating procedures to assist in this effort. Effective 4/6/20 at 0700, and until further notice, adult patients with abdominal pain and isolated orthopedic injuries in the Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital and Goleta Valley Cottage Hospital transport zones should be transported to Goleta Valley Cottage Hospital. The destination for transports originating from south of Sheffield Drive will depend on system status and emergency department census. Any patients with symptoms concerning for COVID-19 in the GVCH or SBCH transport zones should be transported to Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital. Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital will remain the base hospital for all calls originating in their transport zone.

- I. Inclusion Criteria
 - Adult patient
 - Abdominal Pain
 - Isolated orthopedic injuries
 - Santa Barbara and Goleta Valley Cottage Hospital transport zones as per SBCEMSA Policy [622](#)
- II. Exclusion Criteria
 - Pediatric patients < 15
 - SBP < 90
 - Diarrhea
 - Any specialty system criteria (Trauma, STEMI, and Stroke). These patients should be transported to SBCH in accordance with current protocol
 - Transport zones outside of GVCH and SBCH transport zones, as per SBCEMSA Policy [622](#)
- III. Procedure
 - a. GVCH transport zone
 - COVID screen negative: follow current policies and procedures
 - COVID screen positive: transport to SBCH
 - (+) specialty system criteria (Trauma, STEMI, and Stroke): destination per SBCEMSA Policies [510](#), [539](#) and [550](#)
 - b. SBCH transport zone

- Patients with abdominal pain and isolated orthopedic injuries; without diarrhea, hypotension, specialty system criteria, or concern for COVID-19, should be directed to GVCH
- Units south of Sheffield Drive (e.g. medic one) should only be directed to GVCH in times of emergency department saturation
- Contact SBCH per policy to confirm final destination



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