



# San Joaquin County

## Emergency Medical Services Agency

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### Memorandum

DATE: January 7, 2025

TO: All Prehospital Personnel and Providers  
Hospital Personnel

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SUBJ.: Determination of Death in the Field

The purpose of this policy memorandum is to provide clarification related to a discrepancy between SJCEMSA Policy No. 5103 Determination of Death in the Field, Section III, Traumatic Arrest without Obvious Death, and SJCEMSA Policy No. 5700 Advanced Life Support Protocols Version 1.8.1, Section ATRA-02, Trauma Arrest Workflow.

SJCEMSA Policy No. 5103 Determination of Death in the Field, Section III., which had provided for two scenarios where EMS personnel can discontinue resuscitative efforts of Traumatic Arrest without Obvious Death was not consistent with SJCEMSA Policy No. 5700 Advanced Life Support Protocols Version 1.8.1, Section ATRA-02, Trauma Arrest Workflow and has been removed.

The corrected version of SJCEMSA Policy No. 5103 has been updated and posted on our website.

Please contact SJCEMSA's office (209) 468-6818 for any questions or concerns.