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Subject: **New EMS/Base Hospital Physician in the Field Program**

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The San Francisco EMS Agency (EMSA) developed a new EMS resource designed to augment our system's prehospital response capabilities: the EMS/Base Hospital Physician in the Field Program. While in service, this resource will be referred to as "BASEMD" in CAD and over radio. This unit responds to higher-complexity calls and provides extra support to working EMS crews through real-time education, feedback, as well as base hospital consultation when needed. Secondly, also serves as a training platform for paramedic students and base hospital physicians. The Base MD in the Field Program is a Pilot Program of the EMSA Research Committee and will become gradually more available in the coming weeks, generally on Wednesdays and Fridays. The resource is staffed at minimum with an EMS physician and specially-designated EMSA staff member. For any questions or feedback, feel free to contact the EMS Agency.



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BASEMD response vehicle

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