# **Middlesex London Emergency Medical Service**

## Southwest Ontario Regional Base Hospital Ambulance

#### **Destination Policy for Pediatric Patients in City of London**

### Background

Children's Hospital London Health Sciences Centre (LHSC) provides specialized Emergency Care to pediatric patients within the City of London.

#### **Definition of Pediatric Patient:**

For the application of this protocol only, a pediatric patient is one who is:

- a) Seventeen (17) years of age or less as stated by:
  - 1. the patient
  - 2. from other people at the scene who know the patient
  - 3. from personal identification
- b) Or failing the above, in the absence of secondary sexual characteristics (i.e. body hair,

breast development)

#### **Protocol**

• Within the city limits of London, paramedics are permitted to transport all pediatric patients to LHSC Children's Hospital Emergency Department. This is an allowable override of the closest destination. When possible, paramedics should attempt a patch to the Pediatric BHP to receive a destination override for CTAS 1 patients.

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