The Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) of New York City is responsible to develop, approve and implement prehospital treatment and transport protocols for use within the five boroughs of the City of New York. The Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) of New York City operates under the auspices of Article Thirty of the New York State Public Health Law.

The New York State Department of Health has authorized Bellevue Hospital's Emergency Department to start accepting low-acuity patients via ambulance transport effective 0800 hours, Monday, December 24, 2012. This approval is conditioned upon Bellevue maintaining two non-FDNY ambulances on stand by outside the ED. Continued approval is conditioned upon daily monitoring by the Department of Health and can be withdrawn by the Department at any time, should the Department identify any quality or compliance concerns.

**Scope of Service:** Limited clinical services in the existing Bellevue Emergency Department. Low acuity medical services for most medical conditions (Adults and Pediatrics) are available. Patients who require inpatient admission will be stabilized and transferred to other hospitals.

**The following conditions can be accepted:**
- Sex Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) patients
- Unstable airway or “choke” patients (emergent unstable airway can be stabilized and then if admission is needed, transferred)

**The following medical and surgical conditions can NOT be accepted and are on DIVERSION:**
- Cardiac Arrest or those requiring hypothermia protocol
- Any intubated patient
- Any patient on chronic life support device where the ED visit is related to that medical problem (ex. Dialysis, Heart Pump, Chronic Mechanical Ventilation)
- Trauma
- Re-implantation
- Patients with obvious immediate operative needs, such as amputation, penetrating injury, open fracture, degloving injury
- STEMI
- CVA/Stroke
- Pregnant women with related complaints (may bring 1st trimester OB patients)
- Emotionally disturbed patients (EDP)
- Patients in NYPD or DOC custody

Current and Updated Protocols can be accessed at the Regional EMS Council website: [www.nycremsco.org](http://www.nycremsco.org).

Owners/operators of Ambulance and ALS First Response Services providing prehospital medical treatment within the five boroughs of the City of New York are responsible to provide copies of the NYC REMAC Prehospital Treatment Protocols to their personnel, and to ensure that Service Medical Directors and EMS personnel are informed of all changes/updates to the NYC REMAC Prehospital Treatment Protocols.

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