In-House Protocol for On-Course Medical Triage: for SAG, HAM, MMCC
(medical emergencies and non-emergencies)

ON-COURSE MEDICAL PROTOCOL

Any issue pertaining to a runner on the course (medical, questionably medical, or not) should be called into Amber at the Marathon Medical Command Center (**MMCC**) at 206–669-4104 or by a Ham radio operator on the course via Medical Net Control. MMCC staff will triage the situation as a medical emergency or not (with both scenarios listed below).

MMCC staff include: Dr Harrast, Dr Chen (or designate); 2 Ham radio operators, Net Control computer operator ("Medical Net"); Medic One Lieutenant; AMR dispatcher; Amber Snapp (SMA liaison)

Scenario #1: MEDICAL EMERGENCY

When a runner goes down on the course with a **medical emergency** **(to request an ambulance)**:

1. **Whoever reaches that person first: call 911**

2. **After calling 911** contact Amber (MMCC) (206–669-4104) or the nearest Ham radio operator can connect to Medical Net to Report the following:

    a. Your name and credentials (MD, EMT, RN, Volunteer, etc.)
    b. Runner's Bib Number
    c. Condition of Runner and Presenting Problem
    d. Pick-up Location

3. **When ambulance leaves**, communicate again to MMCC (206–669-4104):
    a. Time of ambulance departure
    b. Destination hospital

4. All serious cases should be discussed with Dr. Chen and Dr. Harrast after the ambulance has been dispatched.

5. If you wish to speak with Dr. Chen, if not certain about a case or ambulance need, call **MMCC** and ask to speak to Dr. Chen.

6. **MMCC**/Medical Net Ham reports info to Timers (Bib #, condition, location)

7. Timing Room will provide Louise the following (:
    a. Bib #
    b. Name
    c. Emergency contact info
    d. Home City

Scenario #2: NON-EMERGENCY

When a runner is picked up on the course for a minor (non-emergency) medical issue or because they are wet and/or tired; i.e., want to quit the race:

1. contact Amber (MMCC) (206–669-4104) **or** the nearest Ham radio operator can connect to Medical Net to Report the following:

    a. Your name and credentials (MD, EMT, RN, Volunteer, etc.)
    b. Runner's Bib Number
    c. Location of Runner
    d. Where Runner will be taken if known (VRA Medical Area?)

2. After appropriate triage by **MMCC** staff, Medical Net Ham alerts SAG Net Control (via computer).

3. SAG Net Control dispatches the Sag driver that can arrive the quickest.

4. Ham takes runner to a warm, dry place (i.e. the SAG vehicle) and gives the runner a "space blanket".

5. SAG driver reports to SAG Net Control when runner is picked up.

6. SAG driver can continue to pick up other runners, after appropriate triage thru **MMCC** (and reporting of all Bib numbers).

7. If there is a medical need, **MMCC** Medical Net Ham reports to VRA Medical Ham that runner is on his/her way in SAG vehicle.

8. SAG driver calls SAG Net Control when they are 5-minutes away from VRA

9. SAG Net Control reports to VRA Medical Ham of arriving runner(s)

10. SAG Net Control dispatches two Hams to meet the runner(s) with a wheelchair (if requested by SAG driver) and transports runner to VRA medical station for treatment.
    a. If runner does not have a medical issue, he/she is escorted directly to the Result Terminal to contact friends/family and report whereabouts

11. VRA Medical Ham reports to **MMCC** Medical Net Ham when runner has arrived in VRA medical station.

12. SAG Net Control reports to Timers with information on runner (Bib #, condition, location)

13. After being treated, runner is escorted back to the Results Terminal to contact friends/family

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Scenario #3: A friend or family member makes an inquiry re: the whereabouts of a runner:

1. Direct that person to the Info Table (for adult event) / Lost Parent Area (for kids event)

2. SAG Net Control will have information or bring the person to the Hams/Timing Room to receive further information
    a. If the Results Terminal or SAG Net Control does not have the information and needs to bring the person to the Timing Room, Louise Long (206-396-4200) needs to be contacted to know about this