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The Maine EMS Medical Direction and Practices Board (MDPB) released the *Pandemic Response: Low Risk Patient Disposition During Hospital Surge* protocol in the early response to the pandemic in an effort to assuage surge on hospitals by identifying patients with low risk of clinical deterioration and who did not require hospital resources. As the pandemic response continues and as the state’s vaccination campaign progresses, the likelihood of surge on the hospitals is lessened, making the *Pandemic Response: Low Risk Patient Disposition During Hospital Surge* protocol unnecessary. Based on this, the MDPB voted to retire this protocol during the May 19, 2021 meeting.

Effective immediately, the *Pandemic Response: Low Risk Patient Disposition During Hospital Surge* protocol is to no longer be utilized. This does NOT alter the other Pandemic Response protocols, including the [Pandemic Response Protocol](#) or the [Cardiac Arrest and Pandemic Response Protocol](#).

For questions, please refer to the [Maine EMS Pandemic Response Protocol Frequently Asked Questions](#) document, or contact Maine EMS.

The MDPB thanks you for your continued vigilance and response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

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