

**GMVEMSC PREHOSPITAL EMT STANDING ORDERS
TRAINING MANUAL
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Adult: Patients 16 Years Old and Above

Pediatric: Patients under 16 Years Old

All Pediatric Treatments will be in Pink and Bulleted with a “P”

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STIPULATIONS

- This protocol is for use by those individuals operating in and under the authority of the Greater Miami Valley EMS Council (GMVEMSC) Drug Bag Exchange Program and certified by the State of Ohio as an:
 - Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) or Emergency Medical Technician (EMT).
 - This protocol is to be used in the field only. Communications must be attempted as soon as practical for potentially unstable patients, or for hospitals that request contact on all patients being transferred to their facility.
 - Procedures that are marked with a diamond (♦) are never to be performed without a Medical Control Physician (MCP) order. The diamond provides rapid identification of procedures and medications that require on-line MCP authorization.
 - No procedures, techniques, or drugs will be used without the proper equipment, or beyond the training or capabilities of the prehospital personnel. Nothing in this protocol may be used without specific pre-approval of the Medical Director for the local department or agency.
 - Procedures for EMTs include those listed under the EMR level.
 - Items enclosed in braces ({ }) are at the option of the department and its Medical Director.
 - EMS personnel of any level are not authorized to {intubate} unless they have and use appropriate confirmation devices (EtCO₂ detectors or monitors, or Esophageal Detection Devices).
 - Infrequently, stepwise adherence to specific protocols may not be in the patient's best interest. No protocol can substitute for the EMS professional's judgment. However, at no time should treatment options exceed those authorized without direct consultation with Medical Control. In all such cases, contact with Medical Control should be considered as soon as possible.
 - The Adult and **Pediatric Orders** ("Peds") have been combined.
- A** Sections that apply only to Adults are bulleted with an "A."
- P** All Pediatric treatments will be in Pink and bulleted with a "P."
- Sections which apply to both Adult and Peds are indicated with standard bullets.
- G** Sections which apply only to Geriatric patients and are bulleted with a bold "G."

COMMUNICATING WITH HOSPITAL OR MEDICAL CONTROL

- There are several reasons to contact the hospital.
 - To notify the hospital when time is needed to set-up for the patient. Examples include major trauma, cardiac arrest, hazardous materials, bedbugs, and Cardiac or Stroke Alerts.
 - Hospitals that request to be notified on every patient transported to their facility are: Children's Medical Center, Good Samaritan Maternity, Grandview, Greene Memorial, Huber Heights, McCullough-Hyde, Miami Valley Maternity, Miami Valley South, Soin, Southview, Springfield Regional Medical Center, Upper Valley Medical Center, Veterans Adm. Medical Center, Wayne, and WPAFB Medical Center.
 - To obtain orders, such as for procedures or medications indicated by the diamond in these Standing Orders
 - To obtain advice. For example, guidance from the MCP might be needed before a medication is given, even though Standing Orders allow it to be used without permission. Another situation could be a patient with an unfamiliar condition.
- When contacting the hospital, make sure a clear picture is painted. The crew can see the patient; the hospital personnel cannot. The ability to communicate findings will directly impact the hospital's response.
- When calling about a trauma patient, include MIVT, ETA, the components of the GCS, and patient assessment findings, especially those relevant to the decision to transport to a Trauma Center.
- If consultation with a physician is desired, the medic should specifically request Medical Control. Paramedics should read the EKG, and then decide whether it should be transmitted. Paramedics who have transmitted an EKG are expected to call and to speak with the MCP.
- EMTs and AEMTs must call the hospital whenever they transmit an EKG.
- When calling with an alert (Trauma, Cardiac, or Stroke) say, "We recommend a _____ Alert."

- Remember that the hospital may have more information, and may or may not decide to act on your recommended alert. Examples:
 - Patients who meet Trauma Destination Protocols do NOT always warrant the hospital calling in a surgical team immediately.
 - A patient who meets Cardiac Alert criteria may have prior EKGs in their hospital record that indicate that the alert is unnecessary.
- Every crew transporting a patient is expected to provide a full run sheet to the hospital.

NON-INITIATION OF CARE

Non-Initiation of Care

- Resuscitation will not be initiated in the following circumstances:
 - Deep, penetrating, cranial injuries
 - Massive truncal wounds
 - DNR Order—present and valid
 - Frozen body
 - Rigor mortis, tissue decomposition, or severe dependent post-mortem lividity
 - Triage demands
 - Blunt trauma found in cardiac arrest *unless* one of the following conditions is present:
 - Patient can be delivered to an emergency department within 5 minutes.
 - The arrest is caused by a medical condition.
 - Focused blunt trauma to the chest (such as a baseball to the chest).
 - An example is Commotio Cordis, a form of sudden cardiac death, seen most often in boys and young men playing sports. It occurs as the result of a blunt, non-penetrating impact to the precordial region from a ball, bat or other projectile.
 - Penetrating trauma found in cardiac arrest when the patient cannot be delivered to an emergency department within 15 minutes.
 - Resuscitation will be initiated on victims of penetrating trauma who arrest after they are in EMS care.
- Once en route, continue care even if the above time limits cannot be met.
- If care began and it is readily apparent to EMS that the patient met non-initiation of care criteria, resuscitation efforts may cease.

DNR: COMFORT CARE / COMFORT CARE ARREST

Do Not Resuscitate-Comfort Care (DNR-CC)

(Permits any medical treatment to diminish pain or discomfort that is not used to postpone the patient's death)

The following treatments are permitted:

- Suctioning
- Oxygen
- Splinting/immobilization
- Bleeding Control
- Pain control

The following treatments are **not** permitted:

- Chest compressions
- Airway adjuncts including CPAP and respiratory assistance
- Resuscitative drugs
- Defibrillation/cardioversion/monitoring

Do Not Resuscitate-Comfort Care Arrest (DNR-CCA)

- Permits any appropriate Standing Orders treatment until cardiac or respiratory arrest/agonal breathing occurs.

NOTE: When a Durable Power of Attorney for Healthcare (DPA-HC) is present and the “Living Will and Qualifying Condition” box is checked, the DPA-HC cannot override the patient’s DNR status. A patient may change their DNR status at anytime verbally, in writing, or by action.

FIELD TERMINATION OF RESUSCITATION EFFORTS WITHOUT ALS AVAILABLE

P FIELD TERMINATION DOES NOT APPLY TO PEDIATRICS

EMT

- A** ♦ When EMS providers (**not** including EMRs) are faced with a patient in cardiac arrest with transport time of more than 20 minutes and no paramedics available, consider field termination of cardiac arrest patients age 18 years or older who are not in arrest due to hypothermia. Contact MCP for orders to terminate the resuscitation.
- A** ♦ EMS must contact MCP directly to receive consent for field termination.
- A** This section does not normally apply to paramedics; it may only be used when no paramedics are available, or when paramedics are present but ALS equipment is not available.
 - The intent of this section is to avoid the risks of transporting non-viable patients emergently.
- A** Send a copy of the run sheet to the EMS Coordinator of the authorizing MCP’s hospital.

NOTE: If family requests any information about organ donations have them call Life Connection of Ohio @ 800-535-9206.

NOTE: PEDIATRIC PATIENTS MAY MEET NON-INITIATION OF CARE CRITERIA.

INITIAL CARE

EMR

- Follow basic life support and airway algorithms as indicated based on current AHA Guidelines.
- Obtain chief complaint (OPQRST, see Abdominal Pain), SAMPLE history and vitals per patient condition.
SAMPLE: Signs and Symptoms, Allergies, Medications, Past medical history, Last oral intake, Events leading up to present illness or injury.
- {IN} medication administration must be via {Mucosal Atomizer Device (MAD)}.

NOTE: Pedi-Wheel or length-based resuscitation tape may be used to reference pediatric vital signs.

EMT

- Utilize monitoring devices {pulse oximeter, etc.} as appropriate.
- Bring medications or a list of the medications; include the dose and frequency of administration.

NOTE: For patients with an insulin pump: take extra tubing and medication packets to receiving facility with patient.

SPINAL IMMOBILIZATION PROTOCOL

Introduction

Traditionally, EMS has immobilized all patients with *potential* spinal injury to include backboards and associated adjuncts (B/AA). However, studies indicate that traditional spinal immobilization with B/AA has risks and may even cause harm in select cases. As such, the spinal immobilization protocol has been modified to more accurately reflect appropriate indications and methods for spinal immobilization. Spinal precautions for at risk patients remain paramount. This protocol DOES NOT indicate that EMS no longer immobilizes the spine; it simply provides a different means of immobilization in selected patients.

Blunt trauma (falls, MVC)

1. All patients with clinical indications of a spinal injury (such as focal neurologic deficit including paralysis) and/or with altered levels of consciousness (including those who are combative, confused, or intoxicated, i.e. patients who are unable to follow commands) must be immobilized with both a C-collar and a spinal immobilization device (e.g., spine board, KED, vacuum splint).
2. Additionally pediatric trauma patients less than 3 years of age with a GCS of < 15 must be immobilized with both a C-collar and a spinal immobilization device (e.g. spine board, KED).
3. Other alert trauma patients, including all those listed below, should have a c-collar placed and moved in-line as a unit to the cot. This is referred to as, “Move patients on hard things; transport on soft things.”
 - Neck pain
 - Midline neck or spinal tenderness
 - Pain on motion of the neck
 - Age ≥ 70
 - High risk mechanism (high speed MVC, fall > 10 feet, axial loading injury)
 - Patients who are non-ambulatory (sitting, lying on ground) are to be moved in-line as a unit.
 - Patients who are ambulatory may ambulate to the cot, and then be assisted onto the cot in-line as a unit.

Penetrating Trauma

- Patients with penetrating trauma to the torso or neck with focal neurological signs or paralysis should be immobilized in a c-collar and with a spinal immobilization device.
- Patients without focal neurological signs or paralysis need **NOT** be immobilized.
- Delays in transport for immobilization are to be minimized.

Airway / Ventilatory Management

Patients who are immobilized and require airway and / or ventilatory intervention (including intubation) may have the collar removed, with in-line stabilization performed during the intervention. The collar should then be reapplied.

Other

- Patients who do not tolerate immobilization (e.g., shortness of breath, anxiety, and body habitus) should have immobilization adjusted to the point of removal if necessary based on clinical response. They should be maintained in the manner of immobilization that they can tolerate (e.g., a patient may not tolerate a backboard but may tolerate sitting up with a c-collar).
- Spinal immobilization devices may be utilized for movement from a site of injury to the cot. Patients who do not require immobilization as above should be removed from the device prior to transport and kept in-line during transport.

AIRWAY MAINTENANCE

EMR

- **O₂** as needed. Use the following rates as guidelines:
 - **2 LPM by nasal cannula (NC)** for patients with COPD, unless prescribed higher.
 - **4-6 LPM by NC** for other patients
 - **12-15 LPM by non-rebreather mask (NRM)** for severe trauma patients, distressed cardiac patients, patients with respiratory distress, and patients who appear to need high flow **O₂**.
- Ventilate symptomatic patients who have insufficient respiratory rate or depth.

RESPIRATORY RATES BY AGE

Up to 1 year	30-60	7-9 years	16-24
1-3 years	20-40	10-14 years	16-20
4-6 years	20-30	15+ years	12-20

NOTE: COPD patients in severe respiratory distress or with chest pain need the same O₂ devices and flow rates as any other patient in such condition.

EMT

- Consider patient airway anatomy and condition for proper airway adjunct selection.
- EMTs are able to suction tracheostomies.
- A If approved, adjuncts considered “rescue airways” such as the {LMA or Dual Lumen Airways} may be appropriate primary airway devices.
- P {LMA} is recommended as the primary airway except in extreme cases such as airway edema.
- **Confirm** correct placement of advanced airway by at least **five methods**:

Confirmation Methods:

- CO₂ detection methods are recommended and Capnography is the “gold standard.”
- Auscultation of the epigastrium, anterior chest, midaxillary areas, and then the epigastrium again
- Rise and fall of the chest
- Condensation in the tube
- Patient appearance

CONFIRMATION DEVICES:

Electronic End Tidal CO₂ (ETCO₂) Monitors—Capnography

Waveform EtCO₂ is the preferred confirmation device. These devices measure the amount of carbon dioxide in the exhaled ventilations of patients. They can use mainstream sensors, which are located directly on the endotracheal tube, or sidestream sensors which sample the ventilation more remotely. Capnography can also be used with patients who are not intubated. In-line EtCO₂ monitors can be used on patients with or without adequate perfusion. Electronic monitors show changes in real-time.

Capnography or capnometry is considered the “gold standard” of tube placement confirmation. **If this equipment is available, it should be used on EVERY intubation, and always be one of the five confirmation steps. Ventilations should be titrated to ETCO₂ of 35-45 mm/Hg. To increase CO₂, slow down ventilations and to decrease CO₂, speed up ventilations. MAINTAIN THIS DEVICE UNTIL PATIENT CARE IS TRANSFERRED TO THE RECEIVING HOSPITAL.**

End Tidal CO₂ Detector (ETCO₂)—Colorimetric

Colorimetric Limitations:

- The Colorimetric ETCO₂ detector may be utilized as a confirmation device for patients in cardiac arrest, **IF** it shows the presence of CO₂ (color change to yellow). If there is no color change, use other confirmation methods. The absence of color change in a properly placed tube may be caused by a lack of perfusion, but it also may indicate esophageal intubation.
- Secretions, emesis, etc. can ruin the device.
- A patient with large amounts of carbonated beverage (e.g., beer) in their stomach can give a false positive result. The device may sense the CO₂ given off by that beverage and indicate that the tube is in the trachea when it is in the esophagus.
- The device can be used for no more than two hours.
- Follow manufacturer’s recommendations for weight restrictions.

SUPRAGLOTTIC AIRWAYS

- Cervical collar is effective in maintaining patient's head in a neutral position.
- {Dual Lumen Airways (e.g., Combitube, Pharyngotracheal Lumen Airway (PtL), King Airway or Laryngeal Mask Airways (LMA))}, are acceptable rescue airway devices and satisfy the rescue airway component. Use of these devices is limited to patients who need an artificial airway and are apneic and pulseless.
- If a foreign body is seen, attempt to remove it using suction.

CARDIOVASCULAR EMERGENCIES

General Considerations:

- CPR should not be interrupted for more than 10 seconds until spontaneous pulse is established.

CARDIAC ARREST: BASIC LIFE SUPPORT

- Assess patient for respiratory and cardiac arrest.
- Initiate CPR and {AED/Defibrillator} using the most current American Heart Association Guidelines.
- Ratio of compressions to breaths of 30:2 at a rate of at least 100 compressions per minute
- Transport patient as appropriate.
- In all cardiac arrests, consider treatable causes(i.e., “**Hs** and **Ts**”):
 - **H:** hypothermia, hypoxia, hypoglycemia
 - **T:** tension pneumothorax, trauma

2010 AHA CPR GUIDELINES

	ADULTS	CHILDREN	INFANTS	NEWBORNS
CPR ORDER	Compression, Airway, Breathing (CAB)			
COMPRESSION DEPTH	At Least 2 Inches	1/3 Depth Of Chest (About 2’’)	1/3 Depth Of Chest (About 1½’’)	1/3 Depth Of Chest
COMPRESSION RATE	at least 100 per minute			120 per minute
COMPRESSION NOTES	Minimize Interruptions In Chest Compressions Attempt To Limit Interruptions To < 10 Seconds			
COMPRESSION TO BREATHS RATIO	30:2 1 OR 2 Person CPR	30:2 1 Person CPR 15:2 2 Person CPR		3:1
ADVANCED AIRWAY	1 breath every 6-8 seconds (8-10 breaths/min.) About 1 sec per breath duration No interruptions of compressions			40-60 breaths /min.
RESCUE BREATHING	1 breath every 5-6 seconds (10-12 breaths/min)	1 breath every 3-5 seconds (12-20 breaths/min)		40-60 breaths/min

NOTES:

- Use jaw-thrust method to open airway on trauma patients.
- Allow the chest to fully recoil after each compression.
- Change person compressing chest every 2 minutes.
- Minimize interruptions to compressions before and after each shock to less than 10 seconds.
- Resume CPR beginning with compressions.
- Attach and use AED as soon as possible.
- Utilize AED as it is programmed. (Even if it is not to AHA guidelines.)

P If available, use age appropriate AEDs or pads.

CARDIAC ARREST: {INTRA-ARREST THERAPEUTIC HYPOTHERMIA}

- A Protocol begins with a patient in arrest.
- A {12-lead as soon as possible}.
 - o Call MCP for advice on transport destination
- A {Intra-Arrest Therapeutic Hypothermia}
- P** ♦Intra-Arrest protocol may be beneficial to pediatric patients.
- A Trauma is a contraindication to Intra-Arrest protocol.
- A {Do NOT start protocol if patient is hypothermic ($< 34^{\circ}\text{C}/93.2^{\circ}\text{F}$) or if patient is conscious.}
- A {Place ice packs in axillae, groin and neck. Protect skin with towels. Change ice packs every 15 minutes or when needed. Do not delay transport to cool.}
- A {Complete neurologic exam including GCS and pupil response.}

CLINICAL PEARLS:

- A Protocol begins with a patient in arrest.
- A Inclusion Criteria
 - o Arrest not related to blunt/penetrating trauma or hemorrhage.
 - o Age 16 or older
 - o Advanced airway in place with an $\text{EtCO}_2 > 20$
 - Patients may develop metabolic alkalosis with cooling. Do not hyperventilate
 - o ♦If advanced airway cannot be obtained, cooling may only be initiated with MCP order.
 - o GCS < 8 (No purposeful response to pain.)
 - o No known DNR order exists.
- A Goal temperature $32\text{-}34^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($89.7\text{-}93.2^{\circ}\text{F}$)

SUSPECTED CARDIAC CHEST PAIN

P Chest pain in the pediatric patient is rarely related to a cardiac event. Assessment of other causes (e.g., muscle pain, respiratory difficulties, injury) should be completed to determine the source of pain. Application of supplemental oxygen and transport should be the mainstay of care for these patients. Contact MCP for further advice when needed.

P THE REST OF THE CHEST PAIN ALGORITHM DOES NOT APPLY TO PEDS.

EMT

- Ask male and female patients if they have taken organic nitrates such as Viagra, Cialis, Levitra, Revatio, or similar medications within the last 24 hours. Do not administer Nitroglycerin (NTG) if they have taken any of the above medications. NTG may cause profound hypotension.
- ♦Give **Aspirin 324 mg** to every patient ≥ 25 y/o with symptoms of Acute Coronary Syndrome (ACS) including anginal chest pain, shortness of breath, syncope, diaphoresis, weakness, nausea or vomiting. Patient **MUST CHEW** the Aspirin. (EMTs *must have an order to access the drug bag*). May assist with patient's own aspirin without an order.
- ♦If prescribed, SBP > 100 , and the patient is ≥ 25 years of age, administer **NTG 0.4 mg SL** every 5 minutes for continued chest pain, up to a total of three pills with vital signs between

doses. EMTs may assist patient's initial dose of their prescribed NTG, subsequent doses require MCP order.

- Prior to moving patient, acquire a supine {12-lead EKG} on all patients with ACS symptoms. Some patients (elderly, or diabetics) often may have atypical symptoms.
- If a {12-lead EKG} is obtained, it must be transmitted to MCP with two identifiers such as name, DOB, Medic number, age and sex. MCP shall determine the destination based upon patient condition. When calling report, include name of patient's cardiologist.
- Consider repeat {12-lead} EKGs during transport.

NOTE: Revatio is a drug approved for treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH), a disease that may be treated with Flolan at end stage. The drug contains Sildenafil which is Viagra. Organic nitrates are contraindicated with Revatio as with Viagra. Revatio is prescribed for both men and women. Providers should ask patients, especially PAH patients, about Revatio before giving NTG.

OBTAINING A 12-LEAD EKG

- Limb leads:
 - Left and right shoulders, or anywhere on their arms
 - Leg electrodes anywhere below the waist
- Chest leads:
 - V1: The Angle of Louis is the prominence on the sternum where the manubrium (top third of the sternum), sternal body (bottom two thirds), and the second rib all come together. Locate it by palpating the "bump" on the sternum, then move out along the second rib to the patient's right. Just below the second rib is the second intercostal space. Move down two more intercostal spaces, and position electrode V1 in the fourth intercostal space, just to the right of the patient's sternum.
 - V2: Place an electrode in the fourth intercostal space on the left side of the sternum.
 - V3: Place after V4, see below.
 - V4: From V2, move down to the fifth intercostal space on the patient's left, then move laterally to the mid-clavicular line. V4 goes in the intersection of the fifth intercostal space, and the mid-clavicular line.
 - V3: Halfway between V4 and V2
 - V5: Find the anterior axillary line by locating the crease where the arm joins the chest. Move down that line to a point just lateral to V4.
 - V6: V6 is placed on the midaxillary line, level with V5.
- If MCP suspects an inferior wall MI, they may ask for V4R. Lead V4R is simply Lead V4 on the patient's Right side, instead of his left. It provides a better picture of the right side of the heart. Capturing Lead V4R is very simple. Just complete the following steps:
 - Perform a normal 12-Lead EKG.
 - Place one additional electrode on the patient's right side, in the same anatomical location as V4 on the patient's left.
 - Move the V4 Lead from the left, to your new electrode on the right.
 - Complete another 12-Lead EKG.
 - Label this EKG with the patient's name, and the time. Label V4 prominently as V4R.
- Skin preparation
 - Use alcohol preps to prep the skin for monitoring electrodes and for 12-Lead EKGs.
 - DO NOT use alcohol preps with therapeutic electrodes, such as QuikCombo pads.
 - Shave excess hair.
 - Dry skin.
- Primary ways to reduce artifact:
 - Thoroughly prep the skin.
 - Remove excess hair.
 - Attach each electrode solidly.
 - Prevent patient movement.
 - Prevent cable movement.
 - Stop the squad.
 - Eliminate electromagnetic interference (EMI):

- Turn off or move away from electrical devices.
- Do not allow patient cables to touch power cords.
- Make sure patient cables and electrodes are in good shape.
- {Transmit the 12 Lead EKG} and call the receiving facility.

CARDIAC DYSRHYTHMIAS

BRADYCARDIA

EMT

A cardiac patient should be considered unstable if they are hypotensive, have altered mental status, or has unresolving chest pain and poor skin color or diaphoresis.

- Obtain {12-lead EKG}.
- For adequate perfusion, observe and monitor.
- Transport immediately unless ALS intercept is < 5 minutes.

EMR / EMT

P For adequate perfusion, observe, monitor vital signs, and apply oxygen if needed.

P For poor perfusion:

- Perform CPR if HR < 60/min.

TACHYCARDIA

EMT

- Transport immediately unless ALS intercept is < 5 minutes.

SHOCK

Perform manual BP on all pts presenting with S/S of shock. SBP is only one component of the overall clinical picture, which may include tachycardia, tachypnea, diaphoresis, restlessness, decreased mentation. Skin may be pale, ashen, cyanotic, cool, or clammy. Be sure to include S/S in report if SBP is < 100.

- Transport immediately unless ALS intercept < 5 minutes.

STROKE

EMR

- Complete GMVEMSC Prehospital Suspected CVA/TIA Checklist.
- Be prepared to assist ventilations with oral or nasal airway and BVM or {FROPVD (Flow Restricted Oxygen Powered Ventilation Device)}.

EMT

A If signs of cerebral herniation are present, ventilate at a rate of 20 times a minute.

P Ventilate at a rate of ten faster than normal respiratory rate when the signs of cerebral herniation are present.

- If numeric EtCO₂ readings are available, ventilate at a rate to maintain readings of approximately 30 mmHg (30 torr).
- Complete Cincinnati Prehospital Stroke Scale. If one or more signs on the Cincinnati Prehospital Stroke Scale are abnormal, call a Stroke Alert.
 - Facial Droop (pt. shows teeth or smiles).
 - Arm Drift (pt. closes eyes and holds both arms straight out for about 10 seconds.)
 - Abnormal Speech (have pt. say "You can't teach an old dog new tricks.")
- Assess blood glucose. If glucose < 60, or there is strong suspicion of hypoglycemia despite glucometer readings:
 - {Oral Glucose}.
 - {Oral Glucose} may be repeated in ten minutes if blood sugar remains < 60.
- Strongly consider transport to a Stroke Center.

- If patient's symptoms occurred > 4 hours and < 8 hours from last time they were known to be free of stroke symptoms or awoke abnormal, transport to an Interventional Facility.
- Contact MCP with a Stroke Alert for advice regarding transport destination.
- Transport the patient with the bed flat, if able to tolerate. If showing signs of increased ICP, do not lie pt flat.
- Transport historian with patient both to provide patient history and for permission to treat.
- Complete the "EMS CHECKLIST: SUSPECTED Stroke/CVA/TIA" for every stroke/TIA patient. Copies can be found in emergency rooms.

INTERVENTIONAL FACILITIES

The following hospitals have PCI capabilities:

Kettering Medical Center
Miami Valley Hospital

DISORDERS MIMICKING STROKE

- Seizure
- Subdural hematoma
- Brain tumor
- Syncope
- Toxic or metabolic disorders (e.g., hypoglycemia)

TRAUMA EMERGENCIES

General Considerations:

- Use of on-line MCP for medical direction in the field for difficult cases is encouraged.
- Minor trauma patients may be transported to non-trauma centers.
- Major trauma patients are to be transported as soon as possible to the nearest appropriate facility.
- Scene size-up, with rapid assessment and recognition of major trauma/multiple system trauma and effective evaluation of the mechanism of injury are essential to the subsequent treatment.
- Hypothermia is a significant and frequent problem in shock for major trauma patients. Maintain patient's body temperature.
- If patient condition changes, notify hospital.
- When patient is transported by helicopter, the EMS run sheet should be faxed to the receiving trauma center.
- The *only* procedures that should take precedence to transport of major trauma patients are:
 - Airway management
 - Stabilization of neck/back or obvious femur and pelvic fractures on a backboard
 - Exsanguinating hemorrhage control
 - Extrication
- After the trauma patient's extrication, the on-scene time should be limited to **10 minutes or less**, except when there are extenuating circumstances.
- **Pre-arrival notification of the receiving facility is essential!** Give Mechanism of Injury, Injuries, Vital signs, Treatment (MIVT), GCS with components, and ETA.

PRE-HOSPITAL FIELD TRIAGE

- Patients to be taken to the nearest hospital:
 - Unstable airway
 - Blunt trauma arrest within 5 minutes or penetrating trauma arrest within 15 minutes of hospital
- Drowning; near drowning; strangulation; burns; electromagnetic, chemical, or radiation exposure; heat or cold injury or illness; and asphyxia are considered trauma and these patients should be transported to a Trauma Center.
- List in the EMS run report which of the State Trauma Triage Criteria the patient met.

TRAUMA CRITERIA

- G Patients 70 years of age or older will be triaged for evaluation in a Trauma Center for:
 - G GCS < 15 with suspected traumatic brain injury (TBI)
 - G Systolic BP < 100 mmHg
 - G Falls, even from a standing position, with evidence of TBI
 - G Pedestrian struck by motor vehicle.
 - G Known or suspected proximal long bone (femur/humerus) fracture sustained in MVC.
 - G Multiple body regions injured.
- G Special consideration should be given for the geriatric trauma patient to be evaluated at a Trauma Center if they have diabetes, cardiac disease, clotting disorders, immunosuppressive disorder, are on anticoagulants, or require dialysis.

Anatomy of Injury:

- All penetrating trauma to head, neck, torso, and extremities proximal to elbow or knee with neurovascular compromise.
- Abdominal injury with tenderness, distention, or seat belt sign
- Chest injury: flail chest or tension pneumothorax
- Two or more proximal long bone fractures
- G One proximal long bone fracture in MVC only (*Geriatric Trauma*)
- Evidence of pelvic fracture (exception: isolated hip fracture)
- Spinal cord injury with paralysis
- A Burns greater than 10% total body surface area (BSA) or other significant burns involving the face, feet, hands, genitals or airway
- P Burns greater than 5% total BSA or other significant burns involving the face, feet, hands, genitals or airway
- Amputation proximal to wrist or ankle
- Evidence of serious injury of 2 or more body systems
- Crush injury to head, neck, torso, or extremities proximal to knee or elbow

YES =Transport to Trauma Center	NO – Assess Physiologic
Alert Trauma Team	

Physiological Adult:

- A GCS less than or equal to 13
- A Loss of consciousness greater than five minutes at any time
- A Alteration in level of consciousness with evidence of head injury at time of exam or thereafter
- A Failure to localize pain
- A Respirations < 10 or > 29
- A Intubation
- A Tension pneumothorax
- A Pulse > 120 in combination with any other physiologic criteria
- A SBP < 90 or absent radial pulse with carotid pulse present

Physiological Pediatric:

- P GCS less than or equal to 13
- P Loss of consciousness greater than five minutes at any time
- P Alteration in level of consciousness with evidence of head injury at time of exam or thereafter
- P Failure to localize pain
- P Evidence of poor perfusion (e.g., weak distal pulse, pallor, cyanosis, delayed capillary refill, tachycardia)
- P Evidence of respiratory distress or failure (e.g., stridor, grunting, retractions, cyanosis, nasal flaring, hoarseness, or difficulty speaking)

Physiological Geriatric:

- G** GCS < 15 with evidence of TBI
- G** Loss of consciousness greater than five minutes at any time
- G** Alteration in level of consciousness with evidence of head injury at time of exam or thereafter
- G** Failure to localize pain
- G** Respirations < 10 or > 29
- G** Intubation
- G** Tension pneumothorax
- G** Pulse > 120 in combination with any other physiologic criteria
- G** SBP < 100 or absent radial pulse with carotid pulse present

YES = Transport to Trauma Center	NO = Evaluate Mechanism of Injury
Alert Trauma Team	

Mechanism of Injury:

- Auto-pedestrian/auto-bicycle injury with significant (> 5 mph) impact
- Death in same passenger compartment
- Ejection from motor vehicle
- Extrication time > 20 minutes
- A** Fall > 20 feet
- P** Fall greater than 3 times child's height
- High-speed auto crash
 - Speed > 40 mph
 - Intrusion into passenger compartment > 12 inches
 - Major auto deformity > 20 inches
- Open motor vehicle crash > 20 mph or with separation of rider from vehicle
- Pedestrian thrown or run over.
- Unrestrained rollover

YES = Consider Trauma Center	NO = Check Special Situations
May consult with Medical Control Physician if needed	

Special Situations:

- Pre-existing cardiac or respiratory disease
- Insulin dependent diabetes, cirrhosis, morbid obesity, seizure disorder
- Patient with bleeding disorder or on anticoagulants
- Immuno-suppressed patients (renal dialysis, transplant, cancer, HIV)

P Congenital disorders

YES = Consider Trauma Center	NO = To Local Hospital
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TRANSPORT GUIDELINES**Trauma Center/Facility Capabilities:**

- Level I and II Trauma Centers can care for the same trauma patients.
- Level III Trauma Centers offer services, based on individual hospital resources, that provide for initial assessment, resuscitation, stabilization, and treatment of the trauma patient.
- In some areas of the region a Level III Trauma Center is the only trauma facility within 30 minutes ground transport time. This hospital may act as the primary receiving facility for the critically injured patient.
- In areas where the trauma patient is closer to a Level III Trauma Center, but a Level I or Level II Trauma Center is still within 30 minutes, the EMS Provider should decide whether the patient

would benefit more from an immediate evaluation, stabilization, and treatment at the Level III Trauma Center, or from direct transport to a Level I or Level II Trauma Center.

- In areas of the region where there are no Trauma Centers within 30 minutes ground transport time, the acute care hospital may act as the primary receiving facility for critically injured trauma patients, or EMS Provider may arrange for air medical transport from the scene.
- **P If a pediatric patient meets the trauma triage guidelines, transport to a Pediatric Trauma Center. If transportation time is > 30 minutes, transport to the nearest acute care hospital, or EMS providers may arrange for air medical transport from the scene.**
- All pregnant trauma patients should be transported to the nearest Adult Trauma Center, unless transport time > 30 minutes.

Air Medical Transportation:

- Prolonged delays at the scene waiting for air medical transport should be avoided.
- Cardiac arrest is **not** appropriate for air transport.
- In the rural environment, direct transfer of trauma patients by air medical transport may be appropriate and should be encouraged.
- Consider the time involved in landing, packaging, loading, and unloading the patient in deciding whether air transport is necessary. It is often faster to use ground transport if the patient is within 15 miles of the Trauma Center.

Exceptions to Transportation Guidelines:

- It is medically necessary to transport the victim to another hospital for initial assessment and stabilization before transfer to a Trauma Center.
- It is unsafe to transport the victim directly to a Trauma Center due to adverse weather or ground conditions or excessive transport time.
- Transporting the victim to a Trauma Center would cause a shortage of local emergency medical services resources.
- No appropriate Trauma Center is able to receive and provide trauma care to the victim without undue delay.
- Before transport begins, the patient requests to be taken to a particular hospital even if it is not a Trauma Center. If the patient is a minor or otherwise considered incapable of making medical decisions, an adult relative or other legal representative may make this request.

MAJOR TRAUMA

Patients meeting criteria for transport to a Trauma Center are considered “Load and Go.”

- Place the patient in a correct position to maintain the airway.
- Open pneumothorax: cover wound with an occlusive dressing, tape down three sides.
- Tension pneumothorax:
 - Lift one side of any occlusive dressing.
 - Use caution not to confuse right mainstem intubation for a pneumothorax.
- Flail chest: immobilize with a bulky dressing or towels taped to the chest.
- Contact Medical Control and advise of patient condition with MIVT, ETA, and GCS components.
- For pregnant patient in arrest consider need for manual uterine displacement and perform chest compressions slightly higher on the sternum than normal.

CRUSH SYNDROME TRAUMA

- **History:** Entrapped or under an extreme load and crushed for greater than 60 minutes
- Contact MCP
- **Signs and symptoms:** hypotension, hypothermia, abnormal ECG findings, pain and anxiety
- **12 lead**
- Monitor and reassess
- **Special considerations:**

- Potential for multiple system trauma
- Potential for hypo/hyperthermia.

HEMORRHAGE CONTROL

- Control of life-threatening external hemorrhage takes priority over any other treatment.
- Constant, direct pressure is the primary method of bleeding control.
- If direct pressure fails to control bleeding from extremities, use a tourniquet.
 - {Commercial tourniquets such as the CAT or SOFTT are recommended.}
 - Only use wide, flat materials such as cravats or BP cuffs as improvised tourniquets.
 - Any tourniquet should be placed as proximal on the arm or leg as possible. For injuries to the lower leg or forearm, place two tourniquets as proximal as possible on the femur or humerus.
 - Tighten the tourniquet until the bleeding stops.
 - Document time and location. Be sure that the ER staff is aware of the tourniquet.
- For life-threatening hemorrhage that can't be controlled by a tourniquet, consider hemostatic dressings, e.g., Combat Gauze or ChitoFlex PRO. These can be used on or in the chest or abdomen. Place in direct contact with the source of bleeding and apply a pressure dressing.
- **DO NOT USE GRANULAR AGENTS.**
- Treat for hypovolemic shock as indicated.
- Transport immediately unless ALS intercept is < 5 minutes.

HEAD INJURY

Evaluate patient condition: including level of consciousness, pupillary size and reaction, GCS.

GLASGOW COMA SCALE

	< 2 YEARS OLD		ADULT & PEDIATRIC > 2 YEARS OLD	
EYES	SPONTANEOUSLY	4	SPONTANEOUSLY	4
	TO VOICE	3	TO VOICE	3
	TO PAIN	2	TO PAIN	2
	NO RESPONSE	1	NO RESPONSE	1
VERBAL	COOS, BABBLES	5	ORIENTED	5
	IRRITABLE CRY, CONSOLABLE	4	CONFUSED	4
	CRIES TO PAIN	3	INAPPROPRIATE WORDS	3
	MOANS TO PAIN	2	GRUNTS, GARBLED SPEECH	2
	NO RESPONSE	1	NO RESPONSE	1
MOTOR	NORMAL MOVEMENTS	6	OBEYS COMMANDS	6
	WITHDRAWS TO TOUCH	5	LOCALIZES PAIN	5
	WITHDRAWS TO PAIN	4	WITHDRAWS TO PAIN	4
	FLEXION (DECORTICATE)	3	FLEXION (DECORTICATE)	3
	EXTENSION (DECEREBRATE)	2	EXTENSION (DECEREBRATE)	2
	NO RESPONSE	1	NO RESPONSE	1

- Signs of cerebral herniation:
Dilated and unresponsive pupils, bradycardia, posturing, decreased mental status.
- Ventilate at 20 breaths per minute when signs of cerebral herniation are present:
 - {Ventilate to maintain EtCO₂ readings of 30 mmHg (30 torr)}.

P Ventilate at a rate ten faster than normal respiratory rate when the signs of cerebral herniation are present:

Maintain good ventilation at rate of about one breath every 5-6 seconds (10-12 per minute), with high flow oxygen. Prophylactic hyperventilation for head injury is not recommended. Cerebral herniation syndrome is the only situation in which hyperventilation (rate of 20 per minute; **pediatric rate of 10 faster than normal rate**) is indicated.

Hypoventilation increases the level of CO₂ in the brain causing cerebral vasodilatation and increased swelling. Hyperventilation decreases the level of CO₂ and causes cerebral vasoconstriction, hypoxia and ischemia. Both hypoventilation and hyperventilation could cause cerebral hypoxia and increases mortality.

In cerebral herniation, there is a sudden rise in intracranial pressure. Portions of the brain may be forced downward, applying great pressure on the brainstem. This is a life-threatening situation characterized by a decreased LOC that rapidly progresses to coma, dilation of the pupil, an outward-downward deviation of the eye on the side of the injury, paralysis of the arm and leg on the side opposite the injury, or decerebrate posturing. When this occurs, the vital signs frequently reveal increased blood pressure and bradycardia. The patient may soon cease all movement, stop breathing, and die. If these signs are developing in a head injury patient, cerebral herniation is imminent and aggressive therapy is needed. Hyperventilation will decrease ICP. In this situation, the danger of immediate herniation outweighs the risk of ischemia.

EXTREMITY INJURIES

- Assess and document pulse, motor, and sensation both before and after splinting and during transport.
- For open fractures, control bleeding with direct pressure and cover with dry, sterile dressing.
- Apply appropriate splinting device.
- To reduce swelling, elevate extremity and {apply ice}.

Good Splinting Practices:

- Document distal sensation and circulation pre & post splinting and pre & post spinal immobilization.
- If the extremity is severely angulated and pulses are absent, apply gentle traction in an attempt to bring the limb back into a natural anatomic position. If resistance is encountered, splint the extremity in the angulated position.
- Open wounds should be covered with a sterile dressing before splinting.
- Apply a well-padded splint to immobilize above and below the injury.
- If in doubt, splint a possible injury.

NOTE: The patient who requires a load and go approach can be adequately immobilized by careful packaging on the long spine board. Do additional splinting en route to the hospital as time and the patient's condition permit.

DROWNING AND NEAR DROWNING

- Consider spinal immobilization.
- Consider possibility of hypothermia.
- Evaluate neurological status.
- Near drowning patients should be transported to a Trauma Center.

HYPOTHERMIA

EMR

- Move patient to warm environment, remove all wet clothing, dry the patient, and cover with blankets.
- Avoid any rough movement that may cause cardiac dysrhythmias or cardiac arrest. It may be beneficial to immobilize the patient on a backboard.
- Assess neurological status.
- It may be necessary to assess pulse and respirations for up to 45 seconds to confirm arrest.
- Consider possibility of other medical conditions (e.g., overdose, hypoglycemia).
- Hypothermic patients should be transported to a Trauma Center.
- If patient arrests:
 - CPR continuously
 - If severe hypothermia (< 86°F (30°C)) is strongly suspected, limit defibrillation attempts to one except on orders from MCP.
 - If body temperature is > 86°F (30°C), follow normal arrest protocols.

EMT

- Oxygenate the patient with {warmed and humidified} 100% O₂.
- Continue resuscitative efforts while in transit, even if there is no response.
- Transport to a Trauma Center.
- Consider other medical conditions (e.g., overdose, hypoglycemia, CVA).

FROSTBITE

- Protect injured areas. Remove clothing and jewelry from injured parts.
- Do not attempt to thaw injured part with local heat.
- Maintain core temperature.
- Severe frostbite injuries should be transported to a burn center.

BURNS/SMOKE INHALATION

General Considerations:

- Stop the burning and minimize contamination.
- Severe burns should be transported to a burn center unless ETA > 30 minutes.
- Keep patient warm.
- Superficial and partial thickness burns < 10% may have wet dressings applied.
- Burns > 10% BSA may be covered with clean, dry sheets or dressings.
- Remove clothing and jewelry from injured parts. **Do not remove items which have adhered to the skin.**
- Inhalation injuries with an unsecured airway should be transported to the nearest facility.
- Chemical burns are Haz-Mat situations and must be grossly decontaminated at the scene.
- BP may be taken over damaged tissue if no other site is accessible.

SPECIFIC CARE:

EMR

- Assess for respiratory distress, stridor, hoarseness, sooty sputum, singed eyebrows and nares, or burns of the face or airway.
- Determine type of burn and treat:
 - Radiation burns:
 - Treat other medical emergencies first.
 - Treat as thermal burns except when burn is contaminated with radioactive materials, then treat as a Haz-Mat situation
 - Consider contacting Haz-Mat team for assistance in contamination cases

EMT

- Inhalation Burns:
 - Provide {humidified} O₂.
- {CO oximeter}
- Consider Hyperbaric Oxygen Treatment for the following:
 - Underlying cardiovascular disease, or cardiovascular symptoms such as chest pain or shortness of breath
 - > 60 years of age
 - Obvious neurological symptoms, such as any interval of unconsciousness, loss of time, inability to perform simple motor tasks, or loss of memory
 - Pregnancy

CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) POISONING

EMR

- Provide high flow O₂ to all suspected CO poisonings.

EMT

- Pulse Oximeter will give false readings and should not be utilized.
- {CO oximeter}
- Consider Hyperbaric Oxygen treatment for the following patients with suspected CO exposure:
 - Underlying cardiovascular disease or symptoms such as chest pain or shortness of breath
 - > 60 years of age
 - Obvious neurological symptoms, such as any interval of unconsciousness, loss of time, inability to perform simple motor tasks, or loss of memory
 - Smoke inhalation victims
 - Pregnancy
- Contact MCP to discuss transport considerations.

HEAT EXPOSURE

General Considerations

- Geriatric patients, pediatric patients, patients with a history of spinal injury, and diabetics are most likely to suffer heat-related illnesses. Other contributory factors may include heart medications, diuretics, cold medications, and psychiatric medications.
- Heat exposure can occur due to increased environmental temperatures, prolonged exercise or a combination of both. Environments with temperatures above 90°F and humidity over 60% present the most risk.

Specific Care

- Move patient to a cool environment.
- Remove patient's clothing. Apply water to the skin to cool the patient.
- Apply cold packs to underarms and groin area.
- Cold water submersion is an acceptable method for cooling heat stroke patients. You may encounter patients in cooling body bags. The goal is to lower temperature to < 102.5°F.
- If conscious and not vomiting or extremely nauseous, provide oral fluids.
- Be prepared for seizures.
- Consider other medical conditions (e.g., overdose, hypoglycemia, CVA) and treat accordingly.
- Hyperthermia patients should be transported to a Trauma Center.

EYE INJURIES

- If possible, contact lenses should be removed. Transport contacts with patient.
- Use nasal cannula with IV tubing for irrigation.
- Chemical Burns:
 - Irrigate immediately with NS or water for a minimum of 30 minutes or until patient transport is completed.
 - Determine chemical involved. Bring MSDS, if available.
- Major Eye Trauma:

- Do not irrigate if penetrating trauma.
- Cover both eyes to limit movement.
- Do not use a pressure or absorbent dressing on or near any eye that may have ruptured, or have any penetrating trauma.
- Transport with head elevated at least 30°.

RESPIRATORY DISTRESS

EMT

- Evaluate breath sounds:
 - Clear: treat cause (e.g., MI, pulmonary embolism, metabolic disturbance, and hyperventilation).
 - Wheezes: treat cause (e.g., pulmonary edema, FBAO, asthma, allergic reaction).
 - Rales: treat cause (e.g., pulmonary edema, pneumonia).
 - Diminished or absent:
 - Unilateral: treat cause (e.g., pneumothorax, hemothorax, pneumonia, surgically removed lung, asthma).
 - Bilateral: treat cause (e.g., respiratory failure, end stage COPD, asthma).
- Obtain {Pulse Oximeter and capnography} reading.
- {12-lead EKG}

PULMONARY EDEMA

EMR

- Assess for and note: cyanosis, clammy skin, *absence of fever*, coughing, wheezing, labored breathing, diaphoresis, pitting edema, bilateral lower lobe rales, tachypnea, apprehension, JVD, and inability to talk.

EMT

- A {CPAP}

ASTHMA/EMPHYSEMA/COPD

EMT

- If patient develops wheezing, assist them with taking their prescribed metered dose inhaler.
- Transport unless ALS intercept < 5 minutes.

ALLERGIC REACTION/ANAPHYLAXIS

EMT/EMR

- If severe allergic reaction:
 - If ≥ 30 kg, give both **Adult EpiPen and EpiPen Jr**
 - P** If < 30 kg, **EpiPen Jr**
- If patient develops wheezing, assist them with their prescribed metered dose inhaler.
- If applicable, apply {ice pack}.

ALTERED LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS: DIABETIC OR UNKNOWN CAUSE

EMT

- For a diabetic patient with an insulin pump who is hypoglycemic, treat the hypoglycemia. For patients with an insulin pump take extra tubing and medication packets to receiving facility with patient.
- Maintain normothermia.

- A** If respirations are impaired, or there is a high index of suspicion of narcotic overdose and patient does not respond to **Oral Glucose**, administer **Naloxone, up to 2 mg {IN}**. May repeat x 1. Titrate to achieve adequate respirations.

P Naloxone:

- ≤ 20 kg **0.1 mg/kg {IN}**, (Max dose **2 mg**). May repeat x one.
- ≥ 20 kg **2 mg {IN}**. May repeat x one.
- Titrate to adequate respirations.

NOTE: REPEAT DOSES MAY BE GIVEN BY EMTS, BUT NOT EMRS.

Note: Oral glucose is indicated for any conscious but disoriented patient with BS < 60 or strong suspicion of hypoglycemia despite blood sugar readings. Oral glucose may also be administered under the tongue or between the gum and cheek of an unresponsive patient who then must be placed in the lateral recumbent position to promote drainage of secretions away from the airway.

DIABETIC EMERGENCIES: REFUSAL OF TRANSPORT

- A** Patients **18 years of age** or older may be permitted to refuse. Follow these guidelines:
- Repeat physical examination and vital signs. Patient must be A&O x 3.
 - Warn the patient that there is a significant risk of going back into hypoglycemia, especially if on oral hypoglycemics.
 - Advise the patient to eat something substantial immediately.
 - Advise the patient to contact their family physician as soon as possible to minimize future episodes.
 - Advise the patient to stay with someone.
 - Follow normal patient refusal procedures.

NOTE: Send a copy of the run sheet to the EMS Coordinator of the hospital that replaces your Drug Bag and supplies.

SEIZURES

EMR

- BVM and nasopharyngeal airway *during* seizure as needed

EMT

- If glucose < 60, or there is strong suspicion of hypoglycemia despite {glucometer} readings
 - **Oral Glucose**
 - In a diabetic patient with an insulin pump and a glucose < 60, treat the hypoglycemia.
 - Maintain normothermia.
- When obtaining history be sure to include the following:
 - Description of seizures, areas of body involved, and duration
 - Other known medical history; (e.g., head injury, diabetes, drugs, alcohol, stroke, heart disease, recent fever/illness, possible toxicological agents)

POISONING/OVERDOSE

EMS personnel should contact MCP for suspected poisonings. Poison Control is intended for use by the general public.

EMR

- Manage airway.
- Gather appropriate history.
- Thorough search for source substance.

EMT

- Blood glucose assessment

- Ingested Poison
 - Transport container and remaining medication.

NOTE: Naloxone administration should be to improve respirations in an unresponsive patient with a hypoventilation condition and not to awaken an unconscious patient. It should be given slowly. Narcan can precipitate narcotic withdrawal with all of its problems. Once Naloxone is administered, it is encouraged that the patient be removed by EMS.

Most pediatric patients with respiratory depression do not have narcotic overdose. They are either septic or have respiratory failure.

- If the patient has depressed respirations or has a high index of suspicion of narcotic overdose, or there is suspicion of drug abuse in cardiac arrest, administer **Naloxone**.
 - Consider patient restraint before administration of **Naloxone**.
- A Naloxone 2 mg {IN}.** May repeat x 1. Titrate to achieve adequate respirations.

NOTE: REPEAT DOSES MAY BE GIVEN BY EMTS, BUT NOT EMRS.

P Naloxone:

- ≤ 20 kg **0.1 mg/kg {IN}**, (Max dose **2 mg**). May repeat x one.
- > 20 kg **2 mg {IN}**. May repeat x one.
- Titrate to adequate respirations.

NOTE: REPEAT DOSES MAY BE GIVEN BY EMTS, BUT NOT EMRS.

ABDOMINAL PAIN

- Use inspection, auscultation, and palpation to assess the patient with abdominal pain.
- Assess and document pain using the OPQRST acronym:
 - O = Onset
 - Was the onset sudden or gradual?
 - P = Provocation and Palliation
 - What causes it?
 - What makes it better or worse?
 - Q = Quality
 - What kind of pain is it?
 - R = Region and Radiation
 - Where is the pain located?
 - Does it radiate?
 - S = Severity and Scale
 - Does it interfere with activities?
 - How does it rate on a severity scale of 1 to 10?
 - T = Timing and Type of Onset
 - How often does it occur?
 - When did it begin?
- Position of comfort
- Give nothing by mouth.
- Assess for trauma, pregnancy, illness, or potential ingestion.

OBSTETRICAL EMERGENCIES

- Consider the possibility of ectopic pregnancy in females of child-bearing age.
- Aggressively treat for hypovolemic shock. Do not rely on standard vital sign parameters.
- Give psychological support to patient and family.
- Be sure to take all expelled tissue to the hospital.
- Ask for first day of last menstrual period.
- Pregnant patients of any age ≥ 20 weeks gestation should be taken to maternity department; < 20 weeks gestation should go to the emergency department.

CARDIAC ARREST IN PREGNANCY

- Causes of cardiac arrest include: pulmonary embolism, trauma, hemorrhage, and congenital or acquired cardiac disease.
- Load and go to closest hospital and follow all cardiac arrest protocols en route.
- To minimize effects of the fetus pressure on venous return, apply continuous manual displacement of the uterus to the left, or place a pillow under the right abdominal flank and hip.
- Administer chest compressions slightly higher on the sternum than normal.

THIRD TRIMESTER BLEEDING

- Place patient in left lateral recumbent position.
- Apply continuous manual displacement of the uterus to the left, or place a wedge (pillow) under the right abdominal flank and hip.

CHILDBIRTH

General Considerations

- Transport to a hospital with obstetrical capabilities unless delivery is imminent (the baby is crowning during a contraction).
- Visualize the perineal area only when contractions are less than five minutes apart.
- Place a gloved hand inside the vagina only in the case of breech delivery with entrapped head, or prolapsed umbilical cord.
- Apply gentle pressure on the baby's head with a flat hand to prevent an explosive delivery.
- Run reports must be completed for each patient. The newborn is a separate patient from the mother.

Specific Care

- Obtain history of patient condition and pregnancy, including contraction duration and interval, due date, first day of last menstrual period, number of pregnancies, number of live children, prenatal care, multiple births, possible complications, and drug use.
- Keep newborn warm.
- Cut the umbilical cord and then place the baby to suckle at the mother's breast.
- Obtain one, five and ten minute APGAR scores if time and patient condition permit.

NOTE: Fundal Height refers to the level of the upper part of the uterus.

Changes in Fundal Height During Pregnancy:

Above the symphysis pubis:	>12-16 weeks gestation
At the level of the umbilicus:	20 weeks
Near the xiphoid process:	within a few weeks of term

DELIVERY COMPLICATIONS

- Place mother on **O₂** by NRB.
- **Cord around baby's Neck:**
 - As baby's head passes out of the vaginal opening, feel for the cord.
 - Initially try to slip cord over baby's head.
 - If too tight, clamp cord in two places and cut between clamps.
- **Breech Delivery:**
 - When the appendages or buttocks first become visible, transport patient immediately to the nearest facility.
 - If the head is caught, support the body and insert two fingers forming a "V" around the mouth and nose.
- **Excessive Bleeding:**
 - Treat for shock.
 - Post delivery, massage uterus firmly and put baby to mother's breast.

- **Prolapsed Cord:**
 - When the umbilical cord is exposed prior to delivery, check cord for pulse.
 - Transport immediately with hips elevated and a moist dressing around cord.
 - Insert two fingers to elevate presenting part away from cord, distribute pressure evenly if occiput presents.
 - Do not attempt to reinsert cord.

Obtain **APGAR** scores at 1, 5 and 10 minutes post delivery.

SCORE	0	1	2
Appearance	Blue or pale	Body pink; extremities blue	Completely pink
Pulse	Absent	Slow (< 100)	> 100
Grimace	No response	Grimace	Cough or sneeze
Activity	Limp	Some flexion of extremities	Active motion
Resp. effort	Absent	Slow or Irregular	Good crying

NEWBORN CARE & RESUSCITATION

General Considerations

- P** As soon as the baby is born:
 - Dry.
 - Warm.
 - Maintain airway.
 - Place in the sniffing position (1" towel under shoulders).
 - Suction infant until airway is clear.
- P** If the newborn delivers with meconium-stained amniotic fluid, but is vigorous, with strong respirations, good muscle tone, and heart rate > 100 BPM; follow the same suctioning procedures as for infants with clear fluid.
- P** If the newborn delivers with meconium-stained amniotic fluid and is depressed, has poor respiratory effort, decreased muscle tone, or heart rate < 100 BPM; suction *before* taking other resuscitative steps.
- P** Bulb suctioning is preferred. Mechanical suction may be used on infants only if the suction pressure does not exceed 100 mmHg or 136 cmH₂O.
- P** If drying and suctioning has not provided enough tactile stimulation, try flicking the infant's feet or rubbing the infant's back. If this stimulation does not improve the infant's breathing, then BVM assist may be necessary.
- P** Avoid direct application of cool oxygen to infant's facial area as may cause respiratory depression due to a strong mammalian dive reflex present immediately after birth.
- P** Use length-based resuscitation tape (e.g., Broselow Tape).

Specific Care

- P** After delivery of the infant;
 - Assess the airway and breathing.
 - Dry.
 - Position head lower than body.
- P** Ventilate with BVM at 40-60/min:
 - To increase HR if < 100
 - For apnea or persistent central cyanosis.
- P** HR < 60 begin CPR.
 - Compress at 120/min.
 - Compression to Ventilation ratio of 3:1

SAFE HARBOR

- P** Voluntary Separation of Newborn Infant
- P** Safe Harbor (Ohio House Bill 660) is designed to allow desperate parents to separate from their babies to hospitals, EMS, or law enforcement agencies, confidentially.
- P** Stipulations of separation:
 - Infant can be no more than 30 days old.
 - Infant can have no signs of abuse or neglect.
- P** History which should be obtained:
 - Date and time of birth
 - Any family medical history
 - Information regarding prenatal care
 - Information about the birth.
- P** Information should be obtained in a manner which will not lead to the revealing of the identity of the parents. Information collected should be based on patient (infant) care needs and assure confidentiality.
- P** Transport the infant to the hospital.

FEVER

EMT

- P** Transport all infants < 2 months of age with a history or reported temperature of > 38.0⁰ C. (100.4⁰ F.) or < 35.6⁰ C. (96.0⁰ F.).

CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT

- P** Ohio Revised Code requires that EMS providers report incidents of abuse to their county's children's services agency, or to a municipal or county peace officer. Hospitals have copies of the GDAHA-supplied EMS Social Services Referral Form. These should be used both to report cases of abuse to the appropriate agencies and to allow hospital social services staff to provide a continuum of care.
- P** Simply notifying hospital personnel about concerns of maltreatment do not meet mandated EMS reporting responsibilities. If any maltreatment is suspected, the EMS provider MUST, by law, notify the local public children services agency or law enforcement as soon as possible.

Pediatric Public Social Services Agencies			
County	Phone	After Hours Phone	Fax
Butler	(513) 887-4055	(513) 868-0888	(513) 887-4260
Champaign	(937) 484-1500	Contact County SO (937) 484-6092	(937) 484-1506
Clark	(937) 327-1700	(937) 324-8687	(937) 327-1910
Darke	(937) 548-7129	(937)-548-2020	(937) 548-8723
Greene	(937) 562-6600	(937) 372-4357	(937) 562-6650
Miami	(937) 335-4103	Contact County SO (937) 440-3965	(937) 339-7533
Montgomery	(937) 224-5437	(937) 224-5437 (same as daytime)	(937) 276-6597
Preble	(937) 456-1135	(937) 456-1135 (same as daytime)	(937) 456-6086
Shelby	(937) 498-4981	Contact County SO (937) 498-1111	(937) 498-1492
Warren	(513) 695-1558	(513) 695-1600	(513) 695-1800

ELDER ABUSE NEGLECT

- A EMS **MUST**, by law, report all alleged or suspected adult abuse or neglect to the appropriate agency. Ohio Revised Code requires providers to report incidents of abuse to their county's adult protective services agency or local law enforcement as soon as possible. **Simply notifying hospital personnel about concerns of maltreatment does NOT meet the mandated EMS reporting responsibilities.**
- A Hospitals have copies of the GDAHA-supplied EMS Social Services Referral Form. These should be used both to report cases of abuse to the appropriate agencies and to allow hospital social services staff to provide a continuum of care. EMS departments may contact GDAHA at 228-1000 or www.gdaha.org for a supply of these forms.
 - o White copy—send to the appropriate agency (call as well).
 - o Yellow copy—leave with the hospital records.
 - o Pink copy—retain with EMS copy of the run sheet..
- A Document all efforts that EMS made to report the suspected abuse on the run sheet; include name of agency notified, method used, and name of person contacted.

Adult Public Social Services Agencies			
County	Phone	After Hours Phone	Fax
Butler	(513) 887-4081	Not Listed (County SO: 513-785-1000)	(513) 785-5969
Champaign	(937) 484-1500	Contact County SO (937) 484-6092	(937) 484-1506
Clark	(937) 327-1700	(937) 324-8687	(937) 327-1910
Darke	(937) 548-7129	(937)-548-2020	(937) 548-4928
Greene	(937) 562-6315	Not Listed (County SO: 937-562-4800)	(937) 562-6177
Miami	(937) 440-3471	Contact County SO (937) 440-3965	(937) 335-2225
Montgomery	(937) 225-4906	Not Listed (County SO: 937-225-4357)	(937) 496-7464
Preble	(937) 456-1135	(937) 456-1135 (same as daytime)	(937) 456-6086
Shelby	(937) 498-4981	Contact County SO (937) 498-1111	(937) 498-1492
Warren	(513) 695-1420	(513) 425-1423	(513) 695-2940

PATIENT COMPETENCY/CONSENT, PSYCHIATRIC and COMBATIVE PATIENTS

Per Ohio Revised Code, an EMT, AEMT, or a Paramedic may not “pink slip” (transport to the hospital for mental health evaluation against their will) an individual who is alert and oriented, even if they are threatening harm to themselves or others. Only a health officer (such as police, crisis worker, psychiatrist, or physician) can pink slip a person. The GMVEMSC strongly recommends that each EMS department, in consultation with its medical director and local law enforcement, have a procedure to deal with these types of situations. This does not preclude action being taken to prevent imminent harm to the patient or others, if it is safe to do so.

- Determine patient competency and consent.
- Obtain medical history:
 - o Suicidal or violent history
 - o Previous psychiatric hospitalization, when and where
 - o Location where patient receives mental health care
 - o Medications, recreational drugs/alcohol: amount, names
- Do not judge, just treat.
- Transport all patients who are not making rational decisions and who are a threat to themselves or others for medical evaluation. Threat of suicide, overdose of medication, drugs or alcohol and threats to the health and well being of others are considered not rational.
- Consider a patient to be incapable to make medical decisions if they are:
 - o Suicidal
 - o Confused
 - o Severely developmentally or mentally disabled and injured/ill
 - o Intoxicated
 - o Injured/ill with an altered mental status
 - o Physically/verbally hostile
 - o Unconscious

- Consider and treat possible medical causes for patient's condition:
 - Hypoxia
 - Hypoglycemia
 - Drug intoxication/side effects/drug withdrawal
 - Seizures and postictal states
 - Intracranial hemorrhages
- Consider staging until police have made the scene safe.
- Have patient searched for weapons.
- Do not transport a restrained patient in the prone position with hands and feet behind their back or sandwiched between backboards or other items.
- Recheck often a restrained patient's ability to breathe.
- Have the ability to remove restraints if the patient vomits or develops respiratory distress
- Explain the need for restraint to the patient.
- Document thoroughly the restraints used, on which limbs, and justification for restraints.

SALT TRIAGE SYSTEM (MCI)

The **SALT** (Sort, Assess, Life-Saving Intervention, Treatment/Transport) triage system was developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to address limitations in START and other triage systems. It has been endorsed by numerous national EMS groups. It is designed to reduce triage time and has an additional triage category to better utilize resources, and CDC has proposed SALT as the national standard for MCI triage.

Use **SALT** triage to assess any significant number of victims rapidly. It can be used easily and effectively by all EMS personnel. Triage materials, such as new tags, were provided to EMS agencies throughout our region by a federal grant through Dayton MMRS.

Primary and Secondary Triage Prior to Transport

- Initial Triage
 - Use triage ribbons (color-coded strips), not triage tags, during initial triage. One should be tied to an upper extremity in a **VISIBLE** location (on the right wrist, if possible).
 - **RED** – Immediate
 - **YELLOW** – Delayed
 - **GREEN** – Minimal
 - **GRAY** – Expectant*
 - **BLACK** – Dead (both ribbons and triage tags use a black & white Zebra stripe rather than black for easier visibility in low light)
 - **ORANGE** and Polka Dot Ribbon - used in addition to one of the above ribbons to indicate victim has been contaminated with a hazardous material. The dots are to make the Orange easier to distinguish from Red.
 - Move as quickly and safely as possible, making quick decisions. Remember that the victim will be re-triaged, probably multiple times, and the category will be revised, up or down, whenever needed.
 - Over-triage can be as harmful as under-triage. If everyone is tagged red, those who are truly red will receive delayed treatment, delayed transport, and delayed definitive care.
 - *Note: Expectant does NOT mean dead.
 - It means the patient is unlikely to survive given the current resources.
 - Treatment and transport should be delayed until more resources, field or hospital, are available. If there are delays in the field, consider requesting orders for palliative care, e.g., pain medications if time and resources allow.
- Secondary Triage
 - Secondary Triage **must** be performed on all victims prior to transport.
 - Treatment Area may also be the Casualty Collection Point (CCP), or the CCP may be separate.
 - Patients should be reassessed periodically, including when moved to a CCP, or when their condition or resources change.

- Utilize Triage Tags and complete pertinent and available information on the tag.
 - Affix the tag to the victim **using the triage ribbon**.
 - Tags are applied after patients enter the Treatment Area or CCP, or by Transport Group if the patient is being directly removed without going to the Treatment Area.
- Orange Ribbons (indicating contaminated patients) are removed during decon.
 - EMS always has responsibility for performing primary decontamination prior to transport, however, the hospital must be aware of both contamination and decontamination.
 - When contaminated patients are discovered, each of those patients initially receives two ribbons: one with a triage category (R, Y, Grn, Gry, or Black {Zebra}), and the other the Orange polka-dot ribbon.
 - Make sure to decon under the ribbons.
 - After patients are deconed, the orange ribbon is removed
 - Triage Tags for such patients get two check marks on the Orange strip: both Dirty and Decontaminated. That way the hospitals know the patient has had field decon, but may still be somewhat “dirty”.
 - **Notify hospitals of an MCI involving victim contamination.** Consider use of the Regional Hospital Notification System.
- Use Triage Tags with individual barcodes consistent with this Standing Order and the Ohio patient tracking system (OHTrac).
- Priority for transport is determined in the Treatment Area or by the Transport Group.
- Patient allocation, that is, distribution of patients among various hospitals, is one of EMS’ most crucial tasks.
 - **Do not overload any hospital**, regardless of transport distance to other hospitals.
 - In an MCI, many trauma patients will need to be transported to non-Trauma Centers. **All hospitals** will accept and stabilize trauma patients during MCIs.
 - As Transport assigns patient allocation, consider the likelihood that the closest hospital(s) may be overwhelmed by patients who were not transported by EMS.
 - In large scenarios, consider activation of the Forward Movement of Patients Plan.
 - An introduction to Forward Movement of Patients is included in these Standing Orders under the heading Crisis Standards of Care in Massive Events. Full information on the process can be found in the Dayton MMRS Regional MCI Plan Template.

SORT, ASSESS, LIFE-SAVING INTERVENTION, TREATMENT/TRANSPORT PROCESS

S – Sort

- Global Sorting: Action 1
 - Action: “Everyone who can hear me please move to [designated area] and we will help you” (use loud speaker if available)
 - Goal: Group ambulatory patients using voice commands
 - Result: Those who follow this command – last priority for individual assessment (Green)
 - Assign someone to keep them together (e.g., PD, FD, a bystander) and notify Incident Command or EMS Group/Branch of number of patients and their location. ***Do not forget these victims.*** Someone must re-triage them as soon as possible.
 - In smaller incidents, such as a motor vehicle crash with a few victims where you do not want any of them to move on their own, skip Action 1, and go to Global Sorting Action 2
- Global Sorting: Action 2
 - Action: “If you need help, wave your arm or move your leg and we will be there to help you as soon as possible”
 - Goal: Identify non-ambulatory patients who can follow commands or make purposeful movements
 - Result: Those who follow this command – second priority for individual assessment
- Global Sorting: Result
 - Casualties are now prioritized for individual assessment
 - Priority 1: Still, and those with obvious life threat
 - Priority 2: Waving/purposeful movements
 - Priority 3: Walking

- Begin assessing all non-ambulatory victims where they lie, performing the four Life Saving Interventions (LSIs) as needed, but only within your scope of practice, and only if the equipment is readily available.
- Each victim must be triaged as quickly as possible.

Assess:

- **Is the patient breathing?**
 - If not, open the airway. In children, consider giving two rescue breaths.
 - If the patient is still not breathing, triage them to **BLACK**, using a zebra-striped ribbon. Do not move the patient except to gain access to a living patient.
 - If patient is breathing, conduct next assessment.
- **Assess for the following:**
 - Can the patient follow commands or make purposeful movements?
 - Does the patient have a peripheral pulse?
 - Is the patient not in respiratory distress?
 - Is hemorrhaging under control?
 - If the answer to **any** of those questions is **no** and the patient **IS likely to survive** given current resources, tag them as **RED (Immediate)**.
 - If the answer to **any** of those questions is **no** and the patient is **NOT likely to survive** given current resources, tag them as **GRAY (Expectant)**.
 - If the answer to **all** of those questions is **yes** but injuries are not minor and require care, tag patient as **YELLOW (Delayed)**.
 - **YELLOWs have serious injuries and need care, though not as urgently as REDs. On secondary triage, some Yellows will need higher priority transport than others.**
 - If the answers to **all** of those questions is **yes** and the injuries are minor, tag patient as **GREEN (Minimal)**.
 - **Two mnemonics for the four Assess Questions:**
 - CRAP:
 - C – Follows Commands
 - R – No Respiratory Distress
 - A – No (uncontrolled) Arterial bleeding
 - P – Peripheral Pulse Present
 - A second mnemonic is the use of good or bad. Don't be confused by the double negatives in two of the questions. Instead, think of the questions in terms of "bad" or "good". If the answer to the questions is "bad" (i.e., can't follow commands, absent peripheral pulse, respiratory distress, or uncontrolled hemorrhage are all "bad"), then the patient is tagged either RED or GRAY.

Life Saving Interventions:

- **Only** correct life-threatening problems during triage.
 - Control major hemorrhage
 - Open airway (if child, consider giving two rescue breaths)
 - Needle chest decompression
 - Auto injector antidotes

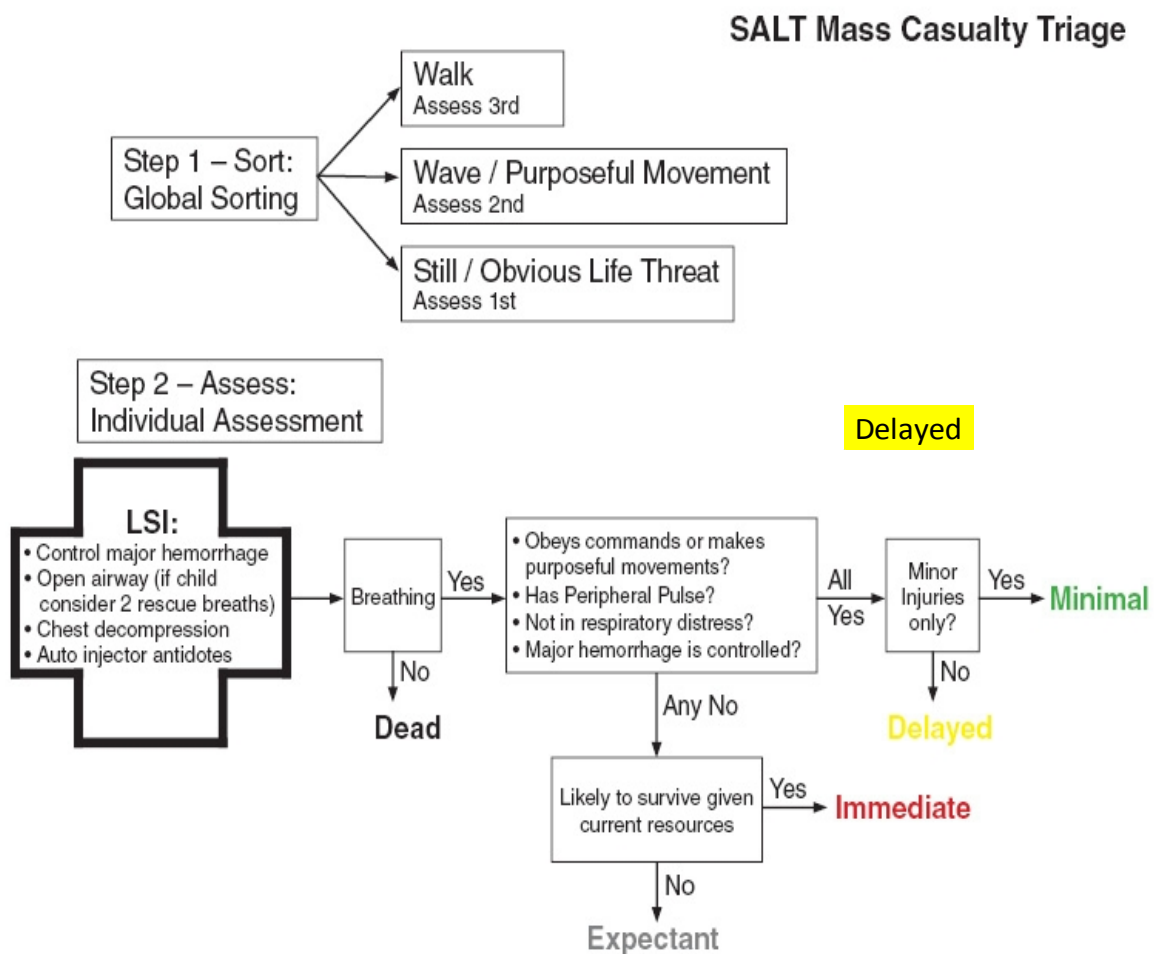
Treatment/Transport:

- Transport/treatment priority is typically given to **RED (Immediate)**, **YELLOW (Delayed)**, then **GREEN (Minimal)**.
 - **GRAY (Expectant)** patients should be treated/transported as resources allow.

- Patients should be reassessed periodically, including when moved to the CCP, or when their condition or resources change.

Special Considerations:

- Even after applying Triage Tags, the main indicator of patient condition is the Triage Ribbon. If the patient's condition or the triage priority changes, indicate that on the tag. **Continue to use the same tag, even if the condition changes repeatedly, changing the ribbon to indicate the patient's current condition.**



CRISIS STANDARDS OF CARE IN MASSIVE EVENTS

Some incidents are so large as to require extraordinary EMS procedures. Those scenarios are sometimes referred to as Mass Casualty Events (MCEs), instead of Mass Casualty Incidents (MCIs). This Standing Order introduces EMS procedures which could be utilized in very large emergency scenarios, or when the duration is extended.

“Crisis Standards of Care” is a new term, but not a new concept. EMS uses altered standards during triage. With concerns about pandemics, there is more planning for possible crises. Crisis Standards of Care during an MCE may be partially issued by the State, and could result in a temporary expansion of the EMS scope of practice.

In some circumstances, EMS may be authorized to triage selected patients for transport to other healthcare facilities. These could include Urgent Care Centers, an “Acute Care Center” (ACC) or a “Neighborhood Emergency Help Center” (NEHC), or a Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT).

Dayton MMRS is required to have a plan called, “Forward Movement of Patients.” The intent of this plan is to relieve the burden on local hospitals by transporting patients, possibly directly from the scene, to more distant hospitals.

In the event of an MCE, especially one lasting days or longer, Greater Miami Valley EMS Council, with the approval of the Regional Physicians Advisory Board (RPAB), may promulgate “Just in Time Standing Orders” (JITSO). With approval from Ohio Department of Public Safety, these orders might include triage standards for transport to other healthcare facilities and other crisis standards of care; possibly exceeding the standard scope of practice for EMS.

A regional protocol for Functional Needs Shelter Triage has been added to the Optional Standing Orders Manual and is also available at gmvemsc.org on the Training Materials page. The protocol is used to help determine whether individuals with functional needs can be safely sheltered in a Red Cross Shelter during a disaster.

This Shelter Triage Protocol is a pre-approved Just-In-Time Standing Order (JITSO), authorized by the RPAB for use by an EMS agency assisting the Red Cross with shelter Triage. It is intended to be printed and given to paramedics, nurses, and other healthcare personnel at the time of a shelter operation.

At the option of local department chiefs and medical directors, the same protocol can be used during a disaster to determine patients who would be more appropriate for transport to Red Cross Shelters than to hospitals. That concept was endorsed by RPAB, and was used on the East Coast during Hurricane Sandy. In those cases, EMS should, if possible, contact the shelter before transporting. If locations or contact information for shelters is not known, contact the County EMA or the Red Cross. When transporting these non-emergency patients to shelters, it is critical that the patients bring their medications and medical equipment with them.

HAZ-MAT

Initial Actions

- Personnel safety
 - Consider potential for secondary devices.
 - PPE
 - Personnel & Equipment staging
- Call for additional resources.
 - (Medic Units, Engines for personnel/resources/Decon, **Haz-Mat**, Law Enforcement, etc.)
- Field Decontamination
 - Remove **all** contaminated clothing. This action may remove as much as 85% of solid or liquid and virtually all of gaseous contaminants.
 - Thoroughly wash with {Dawn} dishwashing detergents paying special attention to skin folds and other areas where simple irrigation may not remove it.
 - If a patient has been contaminated with any fuel, irrigate well. For example, diesel fuel can cause chemical burns if left in contact with the skin.
 - Do not transport a patient until gross decon is completed.
 - Obtain permission from any hospital upon arrival **before** entering with a potentially contaminated patient or crew.
 - Decontaminate EMS vehicle prior to leaving hospital.
- Contact Medical Control and the hospital immediately to allow time for their set-up of decontamination equipment.
 - Provide the following information:
 - Estimated number of confirmed or potential adult and pediatric patients
 - Signs and symptoms exhibited by the patients
 - Name and identification information of the contaminant if known, or as much information as possible
 - Form of the contaminant (liquid, gas, etc.) if known
 - Routes of exposure of the patients (percutaneous, inhalation, ingestion, etc.) if known
 - Additional anticipated decontamination needs if necessary

- ♦ In the event of a large MCI involving cyanide or nerve agents, request an “Antidote free” order, allowing you to treat all of the patients on the scene with the appropriate antidote, rather than calling for patient orders individually.

HAZARDOUS DRUG: EXPOSURES AND SPILLS

- Hazardous drug situations include:
 - Patients who have continuous IV chemotherapy at home.
 - Patients who have just had IV chemotherapy at the clinic or hospital and their body fluids could have traces of hazardous drug for 48 hours.
 - Patients taking oral chemotherapy drugs.
- Potential routes of exposure include:
 - Absorption through skin or mucous membranes
 - Accidental injection by needle stick or contaminated sharps
 - Inhalation of drug aerosols, dust, or droplets
 - Ingestion through contaminated food, tobacco products, beverage, or other hand-to-mouth behavior
- EMS should don PPE whenever there is a risk of hazardous drug being released into the environment.
 - Handling leakage from tubing, syringe, and connection sites
 - Disposing of hazardous drugs and items contaminated by hazardous drugs
 - Handling the body fluids of a patient who received hazardous drugs in the past 48 hours
 - Cleaning hazardous drug spills
- Guidelines for PPE:
 - Gloves: Double gloves are recommended. Latex gloves provide no chemical protection. Nitrile gloves are recommended for routine patient care of Haz-mat patients including chemo patients. Change gloves every 30 minutes.
 - Disposable non-permeable gowns
 - Respirators: NIOSH-approved respirator mask
 - Eye and face protection: wear a face shield whenever there is a possibility of splashing.
- Procedures:
 - Use universal precautions when handling any body fluids of a patient who has received chemotherapy within 48 hours.
 - Accidental skin exposure: Remove contaminated garments, place in leak-proof plastic bag, and immediately wash contaminated skin with soap and water. Rinse thoroughly.
 - Accidental eye exposure: immediately flush eye with saline solution or water for at least 30 minutes or until patient transport is completed.
 - Wipe up liquids with an absorbent pad or spill-control pillow.
 - Disposal of hazardous drugs and materials contaminated with hazardous drugs per MSDS or Haz Mat Team direction
 - Report and document spills as required.
- For more information, contact:
 - The homecare agency that is supplying the infusion.
 - The physician who ordered the infusion.
 - A hospital pharmacy, if necessary (there should be a label on the IV bag with the drug’s name, concentration and dosage.
 - Consult with the appropriate Haz-Mat team.

HAZMAT: BIOLOGICAL

- □ {In preparation for the possibility of a bioterrorist attack, Departments may store a supply of **Ciprofloxacin (Cipro)** or **Doxycycline**. They can provide prophylaxis against Anthrax, Cholera, and some protection against Plague.}
- Dayton MMRS maintains a supply of **Cipro** and **Doxy** sufficient to provide treatment for the first three days for all firefighters, EMS personnel, law enforcement officers, EMA personnel, public safety dispatchers, and their immediate families for use in a bioterrorist attack. These may be obtained when needed by contacting **937-333-USAR (8727)**.

HAZ-MAT: CYANIDE

In any case of known or strongly suspected cyanide intoxication, Cyanide antidote caches provided by Dayton MMRS are located throughout the region. To request a cache, call the Montgomery County RDC at **937-333-USAR (8727)**, and they will contact the cache agency closest to your incident. Those agencies have all agreed to respond on a mutual aid basis to your incident. If there are no paramedics on scene, be sure to request that the responding agency come with a paramedic.

It is strongly recommended that agencies immediately call for the cyanide antidote cache whenever any of the following occur:

- Dispatched on a report of a person trapped in a structure fire
- Dispatched on a report of an incident involving cyanide
- Report of a Mayday or firefighter down in a structure fire

- Provide 100% **O₂**
 - If unconscious, provide 100% **O₂** by BVM, preferably via endotracheal tube.
- CPR if indicated.
- ♦ It is critical to control any seizure activity, using **CANA Autoinjector**.
- In MCIs with suspected cyanide poisoning:
 - Control any seizure activity, using **CANA Autoinjector**.

HAZ-MAT: HYDROFLUORIC ACID (HF)

- Deaths have been reported from burns involving < 3% Body Surface Area. Ensure safety of EMS.
 - Begin decon and irrigate the chemical burn with water as quickly as possible.
- Flush affected eyes and skin with copious amounts of water or **Normal Saline** for a minimum of 30 minutes or until patient transport is completed.
- If ingested, do not induce vomiting. Dilute with water or milk.
- {Perform a 12-lead EKG and transmit it to the hospital }

HAZMAT: ORGANOPHOSPHATE/NERVE AGENT

ORGANOPHOSPHATE/NERVE AGENT EXPOSURE TREATMENT

General Considerations:

- Signs and Symptoms:
 - **SLUDGEMM**: Salivation, Lacrimation, Urination, Defecation, GI Upset, Emesis, Miosis, Muscle Twitching
- Recognize that patients with severe poisoning may or may not be bradycardic.
- Mild to moderate cases should be treated with one or two doses of Mark I kits or DuoDotes.
- Severe cases will generally require repeating every 5 minutes up to 3 doses.
- Atropine in these circumstances is **not** for bradycardia, which may or may not be present.
- Primary endpoints for treatment are diminished airway secretions (lungs are clear to auscultation), hypoxia improves, airway resistance decreases, and dyspnea improves
- Organophosphate poisonings may require more Atropine (> 3 Mark I Kits or 3 DuoDotes).
- Ohio law and GMVEMSC Standing Orders permit EMRs and EMTs to administer Organophosphate/nerve agent antidotes by autoinjector only.
- Nerve agent/organophosphate antidotes are to be used to treat symptomatic patients, not given prophylactically

Specific Care: Organophosphate or Nerve Gas Poisoning

- DECON. Removing contaminated clothing may remove as much as 85% of solid or liquid contamination, and virtually all gas.
- Oxygen

- Treat any case of known or suspected Organophosphate or Carbamate (e.g., insecticides such as Parathion or Malathion); or nerve agent (e.g., Tabun, Sarin, Soman, VX) exposure as below:
- ♦ Administer **Atropine** every 5 minutes, as available until lungs are clear to auscultation. **Atropine** by **Mark I** autoinjector #1 (adults and children weighing over 90 pounds), by **AtroPen** autoinjector for children, or by **DuoDote**.
- ♦ Adults and children > 90 pounds, give Mark I **Atropine autoinjector** or **DuoDote**
- P** ♦ Children weighing 40 - 90 pounds, give the **1.0 mg Atropen autoinjector**.
- P** ♦ Children weighing less than 40 pounds, give the **0.5 mg Atropen autoinjector**.
- ♦ Follow **Atropine** with **2-PAM (Pralidoxime)** which is **Mark I autoinjector Item 2** for older children and adults. If **DuoDote** was used, no second autoinjector is needed.
- Treat seizures with **Diazepam Autoinjector (CANA)**.

Administering the Nerve Agent Antidote Auto-Injector Kit:

- Anterolateral thigh is the recommended auto-injector site for both adults and pediatrics.
- Using the Mark I
 1. Grasp syringe #1 (**Atropine**) and position the green tip of the AtroPen on victim's outer thigh. Push firmly until auto-injector fires. Hold in place for 10 seconds to ensure Atropine has been properly delivered.
 2. Grasp syringe #2 (2-Pam) and position the black tip of the Combo Pen on victim's outer thigh. Push firmly until auto-injector fires. Hold in place for 10 seconds to ensure Pralidoxime has been properly delivered
- Procedures for DuoDotes, pediatric AtroPens, and Diazepam autoinjectors are similar.

Antidote Resources:

EMS Department Resources:

- EMS Departments are authorized to stockpile large quantities of **Atropine, 2-PAM**, autoinjectors, and supplies (e.g., needles, syringes).
- GMVEMSC drug bags include:
 - **2 DuoDotes (Atropine)** (2 mg) and **2-PAM** (600 mg) administered through a single auto-injector).
 - **2 Pediatric AtroPens** (1 each: 0.5 mg, 1.0 mg)
 - 1 Multi-dose 1 mg vial of **Atropine**
- **Dayton MMRS maintains a supply of organophosphate and cyanide antidotes in each county in Ohio Homeland Security Region 3.**
 - To obtain Dayton MMRS antidotes: call **937-333-USAR (8727)**. The closest department with an antidote cache will respond as a mutual aid request.
 - Dayton MMRS antidotes may be requested for incidents too small to require a CHEMPACK.
 - If requesting a CHEMPACK, **simultaneously call 937-333-USAR (8727)** and request MMRS antidotes.

CHEMPACK Resources:

- Containers with enough antidotes to treat about 500 victims of a nerve agent or organophosphate incident
- CHEMPACK procurement:
 - ♦ Obtain MCP approval
- ♦ In an MCI, contact OSP Central Dispatch **866-599-LERP (5377)** and request a CHEMPACK and indicate that it meets both of the following criteria:
 - The Organophosphate or nerve agent has been identified, or patients are exhibiting signs and symptoms of exposure.
 - **AND** the need for antidotes is greater than the available resources.
 - Simultaneously contact **937-333-USAR (8727)** and request additional Nerve Agent Antidotes:
 - Regional drug cache to be used for incidents too small for a CHEMPACK
 - Has additional drugs that are not available in the CHEMPACK (e.g., Cyanide antidotes)
- OSP Central Dispatch will:
 - Notify closest CHEMPACK hospital

- Dispatch Troopers to deliver the CHEMPACK to the MCI's staging area.
- Troopers will expect EMS to sign a form indicating receipt.
- CHEMPACK contains:
 - **Atropine**—blocks effects of excess acetylcholine
 - 0.5 mg AtroPen autoinjectors (for patients < 40 pounds)
 - 1.0 mg AtroPen autoinjectors (for patients 40-90 pounds)
 - Multi-dose vials
 - **Pralidoxime Chloride (2-PAM)**—reduces levels of acetylcholine
 - 600 mg autoinjectors
 - Multi-dose vials
 - **Diazepam (Valium)**—treats seizures.
 - **Convulsive Antidote, Nerve Agent (CANA)** (10 mg **Diazepam** autoinjector)
 - Multi-dose vials
 - Mark I Kits (for patients > 90 pounds)
 - 2 mg **Atropine** autoinjector
 - 600 mg **2-Pam** autoinjector
- CHEMPACK types (both contain same drugs)
 - Hospital CHEMPACK contains more multi-dose vials for more precise dosing of children and long-term patients. Hospital CHEMPACKs are partitioned into thirds, each being marked with a red, yellow, or blue dot. Hospitals have the option to keep the red dot materials for potential use at their hospital. If a hospital opens its CHEMPACK, it must notify OSP Central Dispatch. (Hospitals may also request material from Dayton MMRS by calling **937-333-USAR (8727)**).
 - EMS CHEMPACK contains more auto-injectors for ease of administration in the field.
- Limitations of CHEMPACKs:
 - Only useful against nerve agents or organophosphate
 - Only to be utilized when other resources are inadequate for number of victims.
 - CHEMPACKs opened contrary to guidelines will not be replaced by CDC and will result in the loss of a \$250,000 asset.

HAZMAT: PEPPER SPRAY

- **{Sudecon Wipes}** can assist in the decontamination of patients or public safety personnel who have been sprayed with Pepper Spray.

REGIONAL HOSPITAL NOTIFICATION SYSTEM (RHNS)

Our area now has a Regional Hospital Notification System. The purpose is to provide one number for EMS, hospitals, and EMAs to call that will make rapid, simultaneous notifications in a Mass Casualty Incident/Event (MCI/MCE), or other major emergency.

The system can be used when an incident could involve a significant number of the region's hospitals. To activate the system, an incident commander calls **937-333-USAR (8727)**, and requests a "Regional Hospital Notification." The agency calling must ask for a Dispatch Supervisor, and should provide the information below:

- Name of agency
- Nature of emergency
- Location of emergency
- General statement on severity, such as approximate number of victims
- Any other information to be conveyed

The Montgomery County Regional Dispatch Center (RDC) will immediately put out a computerized message to the RHNS Group with that information.

Activation of the RHNS will send simultaneous notifications to all of the following:

88th Medical WPAFB
 Atrium Medical Center
 Children's Medical Center
 Community Blood Center
 Dayton MMRS Med. Director
 GDAHA
 Good Samaritan Hospital
 Grandview Hospital
 Green Memorial Hospital
 Huber Heights-GVH

Joint Township Memorial
 Kettering Medical Center
 Kindred Hospital
 Lifecare Hospital
 Mercy Hospital
 Miami Valley Hospital
 Miami Valley Hospital South
 Miami Valley - Jamestown Mont.
 Co. Of. of Emer Mgmt.
 Reg. Healthcare Syst. Coord.
 Reg. MMRS/RMRS Coord.

Reg. Public Health Coord.
 Reid Memorial Hospital
 Soin
 Southview Hospital
 Springfield Reg. Med. Cen.
 Sycamore
 Upper Valley Medical Center
 VA Medical Center
 Wayne Healthcare
 Wilson Memorial Hospital

ABBREVIATIONS

Some abbreviations are case sensitive while others are content sensitive. Any words that can be readily abbreviated using a period have been left out of this list.

abdomen	abd
abdominal aortic aneurysm	AAA
abortion	Ab
acute coronary syndrome	ACS
acute myocardial infarction	AMI
acute pulmonary edema	APE
acute renal failure	ARF
acute respiratory distress/syndrome	ARD/ARDS
administer rectally	p.r.
advanced cardiac life support	ACLS
advanced directive	AD
advanced life support	ALS
after	̄p
against medical advice	AMA
alcohol	ETOH
alert & oriented	A&O
alert/verbal/pain/unresponsive	AVPU
antecubital fossa	AC
arteriosclerotic heart disease	ASHD
as necessary or needed	prn
as soon as possible	ASAP
aspirin	ASA
at	@
at bedtime	h.s.
atrial fibrillation	a-fib
atrial flutter/ tachycardia	AF/AT
atrioventricular	AV
automatic external defibrillator	AED
automatic transport ventilator	ATV
backboard	BB
bag-valve mask	BVM
basic life support	BLS
before	ā
below the knee amputation	BKA
births, number of	para
black	B
blood pressure	BP
blood sugar	BS

body substance isolation	BSI
body surface area	BSA
bowel movement	BM
bradycardia	brady
breaths per minute	bpm
by mouth	po
by or through	per
cancer	CA
capillary refill time	CRT
carbon dioxide	CO ₂
carbon monoxide	CO
centimeter	cm.
cerebral palsy	CP
cerebrospinal fluid	CSF
cerebrovascular accident	CVA
cervical immobilization device	CID
cervical spine	C-spine
change	Δ
chest pain	CP
chief complaint	CC
chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	COPD
chronic renal failure	CRF
circulatory/sensory/motor	CSM
clear to auscultation bilaterally	CTAB
complaining of	c/o
congestive heart failure	CHF
coronary artery bypass graft	CABG
coronary artery disease	CAD
cubic centimeter	cc.
date of birth	DOB
dead on arrival	DOA
decreasing	↓
degree(s)	°
delirium tremens	DT's
dextrose in water – 50%	D50
dextrose in water - 10%	D10
diabetes mellitus	DM
diagnosis	Dx

dilation & curettage	D&C
discontinue	d/c
do not resuscitate	DNR
drop (s)	gtt (s)
dyspnea on exertion	DOE
electrocardiogram	ECG / EKG
emergency department	ED / ER
endotracheal tube	ETT
epinephrine	EPI
Equal to or greater than	≥
Equal to or less than	≤
esophageal detection device	EDD
esophageal obturator airway	EOA
estimated	Est.
estimated time of arrival	ETA
every	q̄
external jugular vein	EJV
fever of unknown origin	FUO
for example	e.g.
foreign body	FB
four times a day	qid
fracture	fx
French	Fr.
gallbladder	GB
gastrointestinal	GI
gauge	Ga
Glasgow Coma Scale	GCS
gram	Gm
greater than	>
gunshot wound	GSW
hazardous materials	HazMat
head, ears, eyes, nose, throat	HEENT
Headache	H/a
heart block	HB
heart rate	HR
history	Hx
hypertension	HTN
Incident Command	IC
increasing	↑
inferior	inf.
insulin dependent diabetes	IDDM
intercostal space	ICS
intracranial pressure	ICP
intramuscular	IM
intranasal	IN
intraosseous	IO
intravenous	IV
intravenous push	IVP
joule	J
jugular venous distension	JVD
Kendrick Extrication Device	KED
kilogram	kg

labor & delivery	L&D
last normal menstrual period	LNMP
left	(L)
Left lower/upper extremity	LLE/LUE
Left lower/upper lobe	LLL/ LUL
left lower/upper quadrant	LLQ/LUQ
left bundle branch block	LBBB
less than	<
lights and siren	L&S
liters per minute	lpm
liter	L.
loss or level of consciousness	LOC
mass casualty event	MCE
mechanism of injury	MOI
medial	med.
medical control physician	MCP
metered dose inhaler	MDI
microgram	mcg.
milliequivalent	mEq
milligram	mg.
milliliter (same as cc.)	ml.
motor vehicle collision	MVC
multiple casualty incident	MCI
multiple sclerosis	MS
myocardial infarction	MI
nasal cannula	NC
nasopharyngeal airway	NPA
nausea & vomiting	N&V
newborn	NB
nitroglycerine	NTG
no known drug allergies	NKDA/NKA
non-rebreather mask	NRM
nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory	NSAID
normal saline	NS
normal saline lock	NSL
normal sinus rhythm	NSR
not applicable / available	n/a
nothing by mouth	NPO
O2 % of arterial blood	SpO2
obstetrics	OB
oropharyngeal airway	OPA
over the counter	OTC
overdose	OD
packs per day	p/d
parts per million	ppm
past medical history	PMH
patient	pt.
pelvic inflammatory disease	PID
penicillin	PCN
peptic ulcer disease	PUD
peripheral inserted central cath	PICC
pharyngo tracheal lumen airway	PtL
pregnancies, number of	Gravida

premature ventricular complex	PVC
prior to my arrival	PTA
pulmonary embolism	PE
pulse	P
pulse, motor, sensation	PMS
pulseless electrical activity	PEA
pupils (=) round reactive to light & accommodation	PERRLA
right bundle branch block	RBBB
right lower/upper extremity	RLE/RUE
right lower/upper lobe	RLL/RUL
right middle lobe	RML
rapid sequence induction	RSI
respiratory rate	RR
returned to service	RTS
rheumatic heart disease	RHD
right	R
right lower/upper quadrant	RLQ/ RUQ
secondary / second degree	2°
sedate to intubate	StI
sexually transmitted disease	STD
shortness of breath	SOB
signs/symptoms	S/S
sino-atrial	SA
sinus bradycardia	SB
sinus tachycardia	ST
standard operating procedure	SOP
standing orders	SO
ST Elevation MI	STEMI
subcutaneous	SQ
sublingual	SL
sudden infant death syndrome	SIDS
supraventricular tachycardia	SVT
symptoms	Sxs
systolic blood pressure	SBP
tachycardia	tach(y)
temperature	T
temporomandibular joint	TMJ
that is	i.e.

three times a day	tid
tibia	Tib
times	×
to keep open	TKO
tourniquet	TQ
tracheal deviation	TD
transport	Tx
transcutaneous pacing	TCP
transfer	x-fer
Transient ischemic attack	TIA
treatment/medication	Rx
tuberculosis	TB
twice a day	bid
unconscious	unc.
unequal / not equal	≠
Unified Command	UC
unknown	unk.
upper/lower	U/L
upper respiratory infection	URI
urinary tract infection	UTI
ventricular fibrillation	VF/ VFib
ventricular tachycardia	VT/ VTach
vital signs	VS
warm & dry	w/d
week	wk.
weight	wt.
white	W
with	ċ
within normal limits	WNL
without	ſ or w/o
Wolff Parkinson-White	WPW
year	yr.
years old	y/o or yo

Greater Miami Valley EMS Council & Ohio EMS Region 2
EMS CHECKLIST: SUSPECTED Stroke/CVA/TIA

Patient Name: _____ **EMS Agency/Unit:** _____

Date: _____ **Run #:** _____ **Time Onset of S/S:** _____

(Y)es or (N)o

- _____ **1. HISTORY compatible with CVA?**
_____ **2. PHYSICAL EXAM compatible with acute CVA?**

Cincinnati Prehospital Stroke Scale:

Facial Droop (pt. shows teeth or smiles)

_____ Normal _____ Abnormal

Arm Drift (pt. closes eyes and holds both arms straight out for about 10 seconds):

_____ Normal _____ Abnormal

Abnormal Speech (have pt. say "you can't teach an old dog new tricks"):

_____ Normal _____ Abnormal

Glasgow Coma Component Scores (Scores of 8 or less have poor prognosis and need ALS ASAP).

_____ EYE OPENING (1 – 4)

_____ **Total GCS** (3 – 15)

_____ BEST VERBAL RESPONSE (1 – 5)

_____ BEST MOTOR RESPONSE (1 – 6)

- _____ **3. Time of onset of signs and symptoms:** _____

- _____ **4. INITIAL THERAPY per Standing Orders:**

Oxygen, Blood Sugar, EKG, Monitor, IV or Saline Lock.

Intubate if indicated. Hyperventilation if signs of herniation.

- _____ **5. TRANSPORT patient and HISTORIAN WITHOUT DELAY to most appropriate hospital. NOTIFY hospital ASAP**

Contact hospital and advise them of a "Stroke Alert" *if* you can arrive within **eight hours** of time patient was last seen normal. Select groups of patients may receive thrombolytics after as much as 4.5 hours.

Consider air transport for Stroke patients with long transport times.

- _____ **6. POTENTIAL CONTRAINDICATIONS to Thrombolytic Therapy (i.e. tPA) to be**

Communicated to hospital (no influence on transport destination): (Check only those with a positive history.)

- _____ **a)** Active internal bleeding.
_____ **b)** Hx of CVA in past three months.
_____ **c)** Spinal or intracranial surgery or trauma within three months.
_____ **d)** Intracranial neoplasm, AV malformation or aneurysm.
_____ **e)** Known bleeding disorder
_____ **f)** Pregnancy (certain lytic agents)
_____ **g)** Seizure at time of onset of symptoms.
_____ **h)** History of intracranial hemorrhage.
_____ **I)** Abnormal blood glucose (< 60 or > 400 mg/dl).
_____ **j)** Recent major surgery or trauma (< 2 months).
_____ **k)** BP > 200/ > 120.
_____ **l)** Active peptic ulcer or guaiac positive stools (GI or GU bleeding).
_____ **m)** Recent prolonged or traumatic CPR.
_____ **n)** Hx of CVA, or brain tumor/injury/surgery.
_____ **o)** Current use of anticoagulants (i.e., Coumadin)

RIGHTS OF MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION

1. Right Medication
 - a. Make sure that the medication is the correct medication indicated by the GMVEMS Standing Orders and check it against the medication label.
 - b. Double-check the generic vs. non-generic names of medications. Many names are similar and have a potential for error. If you aren't sure, reference your SO Manual or Quick Reference Guide!
 - c. Check the expiration date on the label.
2. Right Patient:
 - a. Confirm patient ID and confirm absence of allergies or other contraindications for your patient.
 - b. In multiple patient or mass casualty situations, confirm that the medication is being delivered to the correct patient.
3. Right Dose:
 - a. Check the SO dose against the medication label for the **correct concentration**.
 - b. Recheck dosage calculations and verify accuracy.
 - c. Confirm that the correct dose has been drawn up.
 - d. Use your references!
4. Right Route:
 - a. Check the standing order and the medication label for the correct route.
 - b. Confirm the route of administration for the medication; IM, IV, PO, {IN}, PR, IO, ETT, Neb, ocular.
 - c. Confirm that the dose is correct for the chosen route, since some dosages will vary depending on the route.
 - d. Make sure the route is accessible; e.g., is the IV site patent?
5. Right Time:
 - a. Give the medication over the proper time duration per the Standing Orders.
6. Right Documentation:
 - a. Document medication, dose, time of administration and duration of administration, route and patient response.

RUN DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

Every crew transporting a patient is expected to provide a full run sheet to the hospital. An abbreviated version of a run report, sometimes called a "quick sheet" may be left at the time of transport, but the hospital **MUST** receive a full, final copy of the run sheet within three hours (with rare exceptions, e.g., major incidents). When a quick sheet is used, it **MUST** include (at a minimum) all the following:

- Patient's full name
- Age
- Chief complaint
- History of the Present Illness/MOI
- PMH
- Medications
- Allergies
- Vital signs with times
- Prehospital assessment and interventions along with the timing of any medication or intervention and patient response to such interventions

**ALBUTEROL
(Proventil)**

PACKAGED: Metered Dose Inhaler (MDI)

INDICATION:

Asthma/Emphysema/COPD
Bronchospasm in Asthma/COPD
Allergic reaction with wheezing

ADULT:

2 puffs from inhaler

PEDI:

2 puffs from inhaler

THERAPEUTIC ACTION:

Bronchodilator

CONTRAINDICATIONS:

Prior hypersensitivity reaction to Albuterol
Cardiac dysrhythmias associated with tachycardia.

PRECAUTIONS AND SIDE EFFECTS:

Usually dose related, restlessness, apprehension, dizziness, palpitations, tachycardia, dysrhythmias
May precipitate angina pectoris and dysrhythmias

REQUIRES MCP:

ADULT: To assist with patient's own: No
To access drug bag: Yes

PEDI: To assist with patient's own: No
To access drug bag: Yes

ASPIRIN
(Abbreviated as ASA)

PACKAGED: 81mg. tablets in blister pack, times 4

INDICATION:

Suspected Cardiac chest pain, patient must be at least 25 years old.
Should be given as soon as possible to the patient with AMI

ADULT:

324 mg. = 4 chewable 81 mg tablets—MUST CHEW!

PEDI:

N/A

THERAPEUTIC ACTION:

Anti- platelet

CONTRAINDICATIONS:

Hypersensitivity to salicylates
Active ulcer disease
Bleeding disorders
Third Trimester

PRECAUTIONS AND SIDE EFFECTS:

Stomach irritation, heartburn or indigestion, nausea or vomiting, allergic reaction

REQUIRES MCP:

Adult assist with own: No

ADULT from drug bag: Yes

PEDI: N/A

**ATROPINE
PACKAGED:**

2 mg AtroPen autoinjector (in Chempack and Drug Cache)
1 mg AtroPen autoinjector (in Chempack and Drug Cache)
0.5 mg AtroPen autoinjector (in Chempack and Drug Cache)

NOTE:

Atropine is also one component of the Mark 1 kits or as a DuoDote (in with the HazMat Drugs in GMVEMSC Drug Bags).

INDICATION:

Organophosphate or Nerve Agent poisoning (regardless of cardiac rate)

ADULT:

Organophosphate or Nerve Gas poisoning: Mark 1 Kit Item one, or Duodote until lungs are clear to auscultation. There is no max dose for Atropine for Organophosphate or Nerve Agent poisoning.

PEDI:

Organophosphate or Nerve Gas poisoning: Atropine or (AtroPen) Auto-injector.

<40 lbs: 0.5 mg (AtroPen) Auto-injector

40 lbs to 90 lbs: 1.0 mg (AtroPen) Auto-injector

> 90 lbs: 2.0 mg (AtroPen) Auto-injector

There is no max dose for Atropine for Organophosphate or Nerve Agent poisoning.

THERAPEUTIC ACTION:

Anticholinergic

CONTRAINDICATIONS:

None for severe organophosphate exposure.

Tachycardia

Hypersensitivity to Atropine

Obstructive disease of GI tract

Obstructive neuropathy

Unstable cardiovascular status in acute hemorrhage with myocardial ischemia

Narrow angle glaucoma

Thyrotoxicosis

PRECAUTIONS AND SIDE EFFECTS:

Tachycardia, paradoxical bradycardia when pushed too slowly or when used at doses less than 0.5 mg, palpitations, dysrhythmias, headache, dizziness, anticholinergic effects (dry mouth, nose, skin, photophobia, blurred vision, urinary retention, constipation), nausea, vomiting, flushed hot dry skin, allergic reactions

Atropine causes papillary dilation rendering the pupils nonreactive. Pupil response may not be useful in monitoring CNS status.

REQUIRES MCP:

ADULT: Organophosphate Nerve Agent Poisoning—Yes

PEDI: Organophosphate Nerve Agent Poisoning—Yes

DIAZEPAM
(Valium) CANA Pen

PACKAGED: 10 mg autoinjector

INDICATION: Seizures associated with Organophosphate or Nerve Agent MCI.

NOTE: Available in CHEMPACK and Drug Cache.

THERAPEUTIC ACTION:

Treats alcohol withdrawal and grand mal seizure activity, used to treat anxiety and stress

CONTRAINDICATIONS:

PRECAUTIONS AND SIDE EFFECTS:

Hypotension, reflex tachycardia (rare), respiratory depression, ataxia, psychomotor impairment, confusion, nausea

May cause local venous irritation

DOSE:

ADULT: 10 mg IM Autoinjector

PEDI: 10 mg IM Autoinjector

REQUIRES MCP:

ADULT: Yes

PEDI: Yes

DUODOTE

PACKAGED: Autoinjector 2 mg Atropine and 600 mg Pralidoxime Chloride (2-Pam)

NOTE: Available in CHEMPACK and Drug Cache

INDICATION:

Organophosphate or Nerve Agent Poisoning

ADULT:

Single autoinjector containing 2 mg Atropine and 600 mg 2-Pam
(See individual drug listing for specific information on drugs)

PEDI:

Single autoinjector containing 2 mg Atropine and 600 mg 2-Pam

THERAPEUTIC ACTION:

Anticholinergic as a result of WMD MCI; also reactivates cholinesterase

CONTRAINDICATIONS:

PRECAUTIONS AND SIDE EFFECTS:

Tachycardia, paradoxical bradycardia when pushed too slowly or when used at doses less than 0.5 mg, palpitations, dysrhythmias, headache, dizziness, anticholinergic effects (dry mouth, nose, skin, photophobia, blurred vision, urinary retention, constipation), nausea, vomiting, flushed, hot, dry skin, allergic reactions.

Atropine causes papillary dilation rendering the pupils nonreactive. Pupil response may not be useful in monitoring CNS status.

Use with caution in myasthenia gravis, renal impairment, pregnancy, lactation or children.

REQUIRES MCP:

ADULT: Yes

PEDI: Yes

EPINEPHRINE EPIPEN

PACKAGED: Autoinjector: Adult 0.3 mg
Or JR. 0.15 mg

INDICATION:

Anaphylaxis/Allergic Reaction

ADULT:

Anaphylaxis:

If ≥ 30 kg, give both Adult EpiPen and EpiPen Jr

PEDI:

Anaphylaxis:

Patient < 30 kg; EpiPen Jr.

THERAPEUTIC ACTION:

Directly stimulates alpha and beta adrenergic receptors in dose-related fashion

Causes bronchodilation, vasoconstriction, and increased cardiac output

CONTRAINDICATIONS:

PRECAUTIONS AND SIDE EFFECTS:

Headache, nausea, restlessness, weakness, dysrhythmias, including ventricular tachycardia and ventricular fib, hypertension, precipitation of angina pectoris, tachycardia

May increase myocardial oxygen demand

Syncope has occurred following epinephrine administration to asthmatic children

REQUIRES MCP:

ADULT: No

PEDI: No

NALOXONE (Narcan)

PACKAGED: 2 mg in 2 ml vial, 1 mg/ml

NOTE: Naloxone administration should be to improve respirations in an unresponsive patient with a hypoventilation condition and not to awaken an unconscious patient. It should be given slowly. Narcan can precipitate narcotic withdrawal with all of its problems. If the patient has a pulse, Naloxone should be given before intubation. Once Naloxone is administered, it is encouraged that the patient be removed by EMS.

Most pediatric patients with respiratory depression do not have narcotic overdose. They are either septic or have respiratory failure.

INDICATIONS:

Respirations depressed or high index of suspicion of narcotic overdose.

Suspicion of drug abuse in cardiac arrest.

ADULT:

2 mg intranasally, {IN}, using MAD

Repeat x 1.

Titrate to adequate respirations.

REPEAT DOSES MAY BE GIVEN BY EMTS, BUT NOT EMRS.

PEDI:

P Naloxone:

- ≤ 20 kg **0.1 mg/kg {IN}, (Max dose 2 mg).** May repeat x one.
- > 20 kg **2 mg {IN}.** May repeat x one.
- Titrate to adequate respirations.

REPEAT DOSES MAY BE GIVEN BY EMTS, BUT NOT EMRS.

THERAPEUTIC ACTION:

A competitive narcotic antagonist

CONTRAINDICATIONS:

Hypersensitivity

Use with caution in narcotic-dependent patients who may experience withdrawal syndrome (including neonates of narcotic-dependent mothers).

PRECAUTIONS AND SIDE EFFECTS:

Tachycardia, hypertension, dysrhythmias, nausea and vomiting, diaphoresis, blurred vision, opiate withdrawal.

May not reverse hypotension.

Caution should be exercised when administering to narcotic addicts (may precipitate withdrawal with hypertension, tachycardia and combative behavior).

After administration of **Naloxone**, patient transport is encouraged by EMS.

REQUIRES MCP:

ADULT: No

PEDI: No

NITROGLYCERINE
(abbreviated as NTG in the orders)
(Nitrostat)

PACKAGED: Dark brown glass bottle, 0.4 mg SL tablet

INDICATIONS:

Use only in patients who are at 25 years old or have been prescribed Nitroglycerine.
Cardiac related chest pain
Pulmonary edema with systolic BP over 100 mmHg
Crack/Cocaine Overdose with chest pain

ADULT:

0.4 mg SL every 5 min for continued chest pain up to a total of 3 tablets

PEDI:

N/A

THERAPEUTIC ACTION:

Vasodilator which decreased preload and to a lesser extent, afterload

CONTRAINDICATIONS:

Hypersensitivity
Hypotension
Use of sexual enhancement drugs in last 24 hours
Taking Revatio (a pulmonary hypertension medication)
Head injury

PRECAUTIONS AND SIDE EFFECTS:

Transient headache, reflex tachycardia, hypotension, nausea & vomiting, postural syncope, diaphoresis

REQUIRES MCP:

ADULT: To assist with patient's own: No
From drug bag: Yes

PEDI: N/A

ORAL GLUCOSE

PACKAGED: Tube; concentration varies, check label.

INDICATION:

Hypoglycemia

Generalized hypothermia without arrest

Altered level of consciousness of unknown cause

Seizures with BS < 60 no BS monitor available or strong suspicion of hypoglycemia despite BS reading and no IV access

ADULT:

1 tube

May be repeated in 10 min. if BS remains < 60

PEDI:

1 tube

May be repeated in 10 min if BS remains < 60

THERAPEUTIC ACTION:

Raise blood glucose concentration.

CONTRAINDICATION:

Inability to control the airway

PRECAUTIONS AND SIDE EFFECTS:

Use caution when giving to unresponsive patients.

Hyperglycemia

REQUIRES MCP:

ADULT: No

PEDI: No

PRALIDOXIME (2-PAM)
(Mark I Autoinjector, Item 2)

PACKAGED: 600 mg Autoinjector

INDICATION:

To be used following Atropine in Organophosphate, or Nerve Gas Poisoning both for treatment of civilian patients at the scene, as well as for protection of public safety personnel who walk into scene & become unexpectedly contaminated.

ADULT:

600 mg IM Autoinjector

PEDI:

Children > 20 kg: 600 mg IM Autoinjector

THERAPEUTIC ACTION:

Reactivates cholinesterase after poisoning with anticholinesterase agents (Organophosphate or Nerve Gas)

Reverses muscle paralysis after organophosphate poisoning

CONTRAINDICATION:

Hypersensitivity

PRECAUTIONS AND SIDE EFFECTS:

Use with caution in myasthenia gravis, renal impairment, pregnancy, children.

Can spread to child through breast feeding

REQUIRES MCP:

ADULT: Yes

PEDI: Yes

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2015 EMR SKILL SHEETS

Revised: 12/2013

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Adult Mega Code - Separate EMR Mega Code sheets used for testing.

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Adult Protocol Skill Evaluation Intranasal Medication Administration

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

Level: EMR ____ EMT ____ Advanced ____ Paramedic ____

STEPS	1 st Test	2 nd Test	3 rd Test
Assures that patient is being ventilated adequately, if necessary			
Asks patient for known allergies			
Clearly explains procedure to patient			
Selects, checks and assembles equipment			
Medication			
Appropriate syringe, needle and mucosal atomizer device (MAD®)			
Sharps container			
Alcohol swabs			
Sterile gauze			
Administers medication			
Selects correct medication by identifying			
Right patient			
Right medication			
Right dosage/concentration			
Right time			
Right route			
Also checks medication for:			
Clarity			
Expiration date			
Assembles syringe and needle while maintaining sterility			
Cleanses rubber stopper, draws appropriate amount of medication into syringe and dispels air while maintaining sterility			
Reaffirms medication			
Disposes of needle in proper container and attaches mucosal atomizer device			
Takes or verbalized appropriate PPE precautions			
Stops ventilation of patient, if necessary and removes mask			
Inserts mucosal atomizer device into nostril and briskly depresses the syringe plunger (1/2 medication up each nostril)			
Disposes/verbalizes proper disposal of syringe and MAD			
Resumes ventilation of patient, if necessary			
Verbalizes need to observe patient for desired effect and side effects			

ADULT PROTOCOL SKILL EVALUATION
SUBJECT: AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS

NAME _____

DATE _____

LEVEL: ____Paramedic ____Advanced ____EMT ____EMR

STEPS	1st Test	2nd Test	3rd Test
A. Perform an initial assessment of the patient.			
B. Begin CPR with 100% oxygen while preparing AED.			
a. If witnessed arrest, defibrillate.			
b. If unwitnessed arrest, two minutes of CPR prior to defibrillation.			
c. CPR continuously until AED is attached to patient.			
C. Turn on the AED.			
D. Place the defibrillator pads onto the patient.			
E. Stop CPR. Allow AED to analyze rhythm.			
F. If shock is advised, clear all personnel from around the patient.			
G. Resume CPR if no response to the shocks.			
H. Repeat steps E, F and G in two minutes if needed.			

EQUIPMENT:

1. A.E.D. per organization type
2. Simulator

ADULT PROTOCOL SKILL EVALUATION
SUBJECT: OXYGEN ADMINISTRATION

NAME _____

DATE _____

LEVEL: _____EMR

NONREBREATHER MASK

STEPS	1st Test	2nd Test	3rd Test
A. List indications for oxygen delivery by nonrebreather mask.			
B. Assure regulator is on tank, open tank and check for leaks.			
C. Check tank pressure			
D. Attach nonrebreather mask to oxygen.			
E. Prefill reservoir			
F. Adjust liter flow to 12 - 15 LPM.			
G. Apply and adjust mask to patient's face.			

NASAL CANNULA

STEPS	1st Test	2nd Test	3rd Test
A. List indications for oxygen delivery by nasal cannula.			
B. Assure regulator is on tank, open tank and check for leaks.			
C. Check tank pressure			
D. Attach nasal cannula to oxygen.			
E. Adjust liter flow to 4 - 6 LPM.			
F. Apply and nasal cannula to patient.			

BAG-VALVE-MASK

STEPS	1st Test	2nd Test	3rd Test
A. List indications for oxygen delivery by bag-valve-mask			
B. Assure regulator is on tank, open tank and check for leaks.			
C. Check tank pressure			
D. Assemble bag-valve-mask with appropriately sized mask.			
F. Connect reservoir and set oxygen at 12 - 15 LPM.			
G. Create a proper mask-to-face seal while maintaining open airway position.			
H. Ventilate @ appropriate rate and check for chest rise.			

ADULT PROTOCOL SKILL EVALUATION
SUBJECTS: ASSISTING WITH EPIPEN ADMINISTRATION

NAME _____

DATE _____

LEVEL: ____ EMT ____ EMR

STEPS	1st Test	2nd Test	3rd Test
A. Contact MCP if necessary			
B. Evaluate the patient, with attention to S&S of anaphylaxis.			
C. Obtain the patient's EpiPen auto-injector.			
D. Assure that it is prescribed to the patient.			
E. Check the medication for expiration date and for cloudiness or discoloration.			
F. Remove the safety cap.			
G. Select the injection site: anterolateral thigh.			
H. Push the injector firmly against the site.			
I. Properly discard the injector.			
J. Monitor the patient and record the results of the treatment.			
K. Record vital signs			

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Adult Protocol Skill Evaluation **CPAP Assessment and Application**

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

Level: ___ EMT ___ Advanced ___ Paramedic

STEPS	1 st Test	2 nd Test	3 rd Test
Prepares patient:			
Takes or verbalizes appropriate PPE precautions			
Assures adequate blood pressure 100 Systolic			
Positions patient in a position that will optimize ease of ventilation			
Assesses patient to identify indications for CPAP:			
Asthmatic			
Congestive heart failure			
Pulmonary edema			
COPD			
Assesses patient to identify contraindications for CPAP:			
Unconscious, unresponsive, inability to protect airway or inability to speak			
Inability to sit up			
Respiratory arrest or agonal respiration			
Nausea/vomiting			
Hypotension – Systolic <100			
Suspected pneumothorax			
Cardiogenic shock			
Penetrating chest trauma			
Facial anomalies/trauma/burns			
Closed head injury			
Active upper GI bleeding or history of recent gastric surgery			
Pt must be age 16 or older			
Selects, checks and assembles equipment:			
Assembles mask and tubing according to manufacturer instructions			
Coaches patient how to breathe through mask			
Connects CPAP unit to suitable O2 supply and attaches breathing circuit to device			
Turns on oxygen			
Sets device parameters, if applicable (goal of 10 cm /H ₂ O)			
Performs procedure:			
Places mask over patients mouth and nose (leave EtCO ₂ in place, if applicable)			
Goal of 10 cm H ₂ O for treatment			
Coaches patient to breathe normally			
Frequently reassesses patient for desired effects			
Decreased ventilatory distress			
SpO ₂ >92%			
Decreased adventitious lung sounds			
Absence of reactions (barotrauma, pneumothorax)			
Records settings/readings and documents appropriately			

Adult Protocol Skill Evaluation Intranasal Medication Administration

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

Level: EMR ____ EMT ____ Advanced ____ Paramedic ____

STEPS	1 st Test	2 nd Test	3 rd Test
Assures that patient is being ventilated adequately, if necessary			
Asks patient for known allergies			
Clearly explains procedure to patient			
Selects, checks and assembles equipment			
Medication			
Appropriate syringe, needle and mucosal atomizer device (MAD®)			
Sharps container			
Alcohol swabs			
Sterile gauze			
Administers medication			
Selects correct medication by identifying			
Right patient			
Right medication			
Right dosage/concentration			
Right time			
Right route			
Also checks medication for:			
Clarity			
Expiration date			
Assembles syringe and needle while maintaining sterility			
Cleanses rubber stopper, draws appropriate amount of medication into syringe and dispels air while maintaining sterility			
Reaffirms medication			
Disposes of needle in proper container and attaches mucosal atomizer device			
Takes or verbalized appropriate PPE precautions			
Stops ventilation of patient, if necessary and removes mask			
Inserts mucosal atomizer device into nostril and briskly depresses the syringe plunger (1/2 medication up each nostril)			
Disposes/verbalizes proper disposal of syringe and MAD			
Resumes ventilation of patient, if necessary			
Verbalizes need to observe patient for desired effect and side effects			

ADULT PROTOCOL SKILL EVALUATION

SUBJECT: MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION

NAME _____

DATE _____

LEVEL: _____ EMT

STEPS – Focus is achieving the “Rights” which is expanded to six.	1st Test	2nd Test	3rd Test
<u>ASPIRIN</u>			
A. RIGHT PATIENT - List the indications for the medication.			
B. RIGHT MEDICATION - Check the medication for; medication name, expiration date and for cloudiness or discoloration.			
C. RIGHT DOSE – Discuss cardiac arrest vs. non-arrest			
D. RIGHT ROUTE - List the routes of administration.			
E. RIGHT TIME – List duration of infusion or frequency of repeat dose.			
F. RIGHT DOCUMENTATION			
<u>EPIPEN ADMINISTRATION</u>			
A. RIGHT PATIENT - List the indications for the medication.			
B. RIGHT MEDICATION - Check the medication for; medication name, expiration date and for cloudiness or discoloration.			
C. RIGHT DOSE – Indicate when both EpiPens are needed. Discuss cardiac arrest vs. non-arrest			
D. RIGHT ROUTE - List the routes of administration.			
E. RIGHT TIME – List duration of infusion or frequency of repeat dose.			
F. RIGHT DOCUMENTATION			
<u>NITROGLYCERIN</u>			
A. RIGHT PATIENT - List the indications for the medication.			
B. RIGHT MEDICATION - Check the medication for; medication name, expiration date and for cloudiness or discoloration.			
C. RIGHT DOSE – Discuss cardiac arrest vs. non-arrest			
D. RIGHT ROUTE - List the routes of administration.			
E. RIGHT TIME – List duration of infusion or frequency of repeat dose.			
F. RIGHT DOCUMENTATION			
<u>MARK I KITS</u>			
A. RIGHT PATIENT - List the indications for the medication.			
B. RIGHT MEDICATION - Check the medication for; medication name, expiration date and for cloudiness or discoloration.			
C. RIGHT DOSE – Discuss cardiac arrest vs. non-arrest			
D. RIGHT ROUTE - List the routes of administration.			
E. RIGHT TIME – List duration of infusion or frequency of repeat dose.			
F. RIGHT DOCUMENTATION			

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS

NAME _____

DATE _____

LEVEL: ____Paramedic ____Advanced ____EMT ____EMR

STEPS	1 st Test	2 nd Test	3 rd Test
A. Perform an initial assessment of the patient.			
B. Begin CPR with 100% oxygen while preparing AED.			
• CPR continuously until AED is set-up and attached to patient			
○ If witnessed arrest: Defibrillate immediately.			
○ If unwitnessed arrest: Perform CPR for 1-2 minutes prior to defibrillation.			
• CPR continuously until AED is attached to patient.			
C. Turn on the AED.			
D. Place the defibrillator pads on the patient.			
E. Stop CPR. Allow AED to analyze rhythm.			
F. If shock is advised, clear all personnel from around the patient, and administer a shock.			
G. Resume CPR with compressions immediately if there is no patient response to the shock.			
H. Repeat steps E, F and G in 1-2 minutes if needed.			

EQUIPMENT:

1. A.E.D. per organization type
2. Simulator

ADULT PROTOCOL SKILL EVALUATION
SUBJECT: 12-Lead EKG Acquisition

NAME _____ DATE _____

LEVEL: ____ Paramedic ____ Advanced ____ EMT

STEPS	1st Test	2nd Test	3rd Test
Student will demonstrate how to acquire a 12-lead EKG, completing the following steps within two minutes:			
Expose chest			
Limb lead placement, and placement options			
Precordial (chest) lead placement, with <u>no</u> deviation			
Speed (all ten leads must be placed within two minutes)			
When to acquire according to optional Standing Orders			
Interface with hospital: Notify if you or machine suspect MI Rapid transport Transmit EKG			
Monitor quality vs. Diagnostic quality			
Frequency response Must use printed EKG for ST segment analysis			
Calibration			
Paper speeds			
Various limb lead placements			
Importance of anatomical uniformity with precordial leads			
Need for note on chart and EKG if non-standard position			
Negative complex in aVR as “test” for lead placement			
Hair removal			
Artifact, and what to do about it: Skin prep Electrode attachment Patient movement Cable movement Vehicle movement EMI			

{LARYNGEAL MASK AIRWAY}

NAME _____ DATE _____

LEVEL: ____ Paramedic ____ Advanced ____ EMT

STEPS	1 st Test	2 nd Test	3 rd Test
A. List the indications for insertion of an LMA.			
B. Select correct size LMA (See guidelines below).			
C. Check cuff by inserting air, then withdraw air.			
D. Deflate the cuff so that it forms a smooth “spoon-shape”.			
E. Lubricate the posterior surface of the mask with water-soluble lubricant.			
F. Hold the LMA like a pen, with the index finger placed at the junction of the cuff and tube.			
G. Non-Trauma Patient: With the head extended and the neck flexed, carefully flatten the LMA tip against the hard palate. Trauma Patient: With second person maintaining inline stabilization, carefully flatten the LMA tip against the hard palate.			
H. Use the index finger to push cranially, maintaining pressure on the tube with the finger.			
I. Advance the mask until definite resistance is felt at the base of the hypopharynx.			
J. Gently maintain cranial pressure with the non-dominant hand while removing the index finger.			
K. Without holding the tube, inflate the cuff with just enough air to obtain a seal (to a pressure of approximately 60 cm. H ₂ O). See the instructions for appropriate volumes. Never overinflate the cuff.			
L. Ventilate & check breath sounds			
M. Confirm sufficient cuff inflation using the End Tidal CO ₂ Detector (EDD cannot be used). CAUTION: Do Not give medications via the LMA.			

EQUIPMENT:

1. LMA (correct size)
2. Water-soluble lubricant
3. 50 ml. syringe
4. Bag-valve mask
5. Stethoscope
6. End tidal CO₂ detector
7. Suction

LMA SELECTION GUIDELINES		
LMA Airway Size	Patient Size	Maximum Cuff Inflation Volumes
1	Neonates/Infants up to 5 kg. (11 lb.)	4 ml. air
1.5	Infants 5 - 10 kg. (22 lb.)	7 ml. air
2	Infants/Children 10 - 20 kg. (44 lb.)	10 ml. air
2.5	Children 20 - 30 kg. (66 lb.)	14 ml. air
3	Children 30 - 50 kg. (110 lb.)	20 ml. air
4	Adults 50 - 70 kg. (154 lb.)	30 ml. air
5	Adults 70 - 100 kg. (220 lb.)	40 ml. air
6	Adults > 100 kg. (220 lb.)	50 ml. air

DRUG BAG EXCHANGE PROGRAM

PURPOSE

To administer and monitor a drug bag exchange program between participating Fire/EMS/ Private Ambulance departments and hospitals.

DRUG BAG EXCHANGE COMMITTEE

Co-Chairpersons: 1 Hospital EMS coordinator
1 Hospital pharmacy representative from each participating county

Members: EMS Coordinator from each participating hospital
Pharmacy representative from each participating hospital
Any interested GMVEMS Council member

MEETINGS

Scheduled: Two meetings per year: March and September

Unscheduled: As needed to discuss problem areas

OPERATING GUIDELINES

General

- There are two types of drug bags: **ALS/BLS** and **BLS** (fanny pack style).
- All drug bags, both ALS/BLS and BLS, are the property of the Greater Miami Valley EMS Council.
- There is an initiation fee for each new bag that EMS agencies add to the program.
- There is an annual maintenance fee for each ALS/BLS bag and BLS bag.
- There is an approved policy for replacement of lost or stolen drug bags (see Addendum A).
- To maintain the integrity of the drug bag contents, pharmacy departments' seal each compartment of stocked drug bags with a blue plastic device. The seal should only be broken for administration of prehospital emergency medical treatment by approved EMS personnel. After prehospital emergency medical treatment use, the drug bag should be cleaned and re-sealed with the red plastic device contained inside each drug bag compartment.
- The following actions may be taken for any department found to be in non-compliance with the Drug Bag Exchange Program Operating Guideline regarding opening and resealing the drug bag:
 - Notification of the Fire Chief, EMS Administrator, or Private Ambulance Administrator.
 - The governing agency, e.g., city council, trustees, EMFTS for private ambulance service, will be notified that action is being initiated for the Fire/EMS/Private ambulance service.
 - Removal of all drug bags from all locations of said Fire/EMS/Private ambulance service.
 - Written notification to the following that the said service is in violation of the operating policy of the Drug Bag Exchange Program:
 - Medical Director
 - Regional Physician Advisory Board
 - OH State Pharmacy Board
 - OH Division of EMS
 - All hospitals participating in the drug bag exchange program
- GMVEMS Council maintains an information database for all EMS personnel authorized to participate in the Drug Bag Exchange Program.
- Rosters with certification expiration dates for EMS providers are available via an online database for review and updates.

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

- Active membership in the GMVEMS Council.
- Each agency in GMVEMSC must understand that Council typically communicates with departments and agencies via email, and that some of those messages concern changes to Standing Orders, pharmaceuticals in our Drug Bags, or other critical issues. Council maintains two lists of emails:
 - The GMVEMSC Listserve
 - A distribution list of Agency Contacts

- As such, to participate in the Drug Bag Program, each agency must provide a minimum of one functioning email contact for each of those lists (may be the same person or different). Council desires to communicate as freely and effectively as possible, and agencies may provide as many as they like for each list, but must have at least one person who can reliably receive messages. Since in rare cases, these messages may be urgent, we encourage use of the “three-deep” rule: provide Council with three (or more) emails for each list.
 - **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR DRUG BAG PROGRAM**
 - **The protocol testing compliance letter (Addendum I) must be signed by the Chief within two weeks after completion of the written testing cycle, then faxed to Council.**
 - **Provide Drug License for upcoming year to Council by January 31st of the license year. Example would be when renewing the license for 2015, then the copy of your license needs to go to Council by January 31, 2015. This is required, as the Pharmacy at each hospital needs your license on file in order to exchange drug bags with your department.**
 - **Complete drug bag updates when scheduled. This is essential. The Pharmacy Board has made it very clear that updates must be completed on time.**
 - **Provide a signed letter (Addendum C) from each department or agency acknowledging that they must comply with the requirements. This letter will be kept on file with Council.**
- *No department which participates in the Drug Bag Exchange Program shall possess a DEA License.*
- Area hospital participation according to Council guidelines. (See Addendum B).
- Document medical advisor approval for the use of the GMVEMS Council Operating Protocols with a signed, notarized letter, which is attached to the drug license renewal application form with a copy submitted to Council. Notarized letter is not required for renewal unless medications are added or there is a change in Medical Director from previous year.
- Signed agreement to abide by the GMVEMS Council Operating Guidelines for the Drug Bag Exchange Program (see Addendum C).
- Agreement to complete the GMVEMSC annual skills and annual written test between 1 January and 31 May unless otherwise scheduled by Council (see Non-Compliance Procedures).
- **Maintain all drugs at all times in a clean, temperature-controlled environment per Rule 4729-33-03(E) of the OH State Pharmacy Board Administrative Code. The rules can be seen at: <http://pharmacy.ohio.gov/rules/4729-33-03.pdf>**
- The ideal temperature span is 59-86 degrees F.
- In order to utilize an ALS/BLS or BLS drug bag in the pre-hospital emergency setting, the following equipment should be immediately available:
 - BLS Provider:
 - Oxygen
 - Suction (non-powered is acceptable)
 - AED (if approved by Medical Advisor)
 - ALS Provider:
 - Oxygen
 - Suction (non-powered is acceptable)
 - Monitor/defibrillator or AED & intubation equipment

LEVELS OF PARTICIPATION

- **Paramedic Level**
 - Each drug bag consists of a navy, standard issue drug bag. A Paramedic can access any of the compartments of bag to obtain medications per his/her protocol.
 - Each standard issue bag is labeled with a metal tag from 850 – up.
 - Upon completion of a transport, the entire bag is exchanged at the receiving hospital *with the appropriate paperwork following the steps above.*

- **AEMT Level**
 - A side compartment labeled “intermediate”
 - The AEMT can access compartments to obtain medications per their protocol. They cannot access the Center Inside Compartment or the Center Controlled Medication Compartment.
 - Upon completion of a transport, the entire bag is exchanged at the receiving hospital *with the appropriate paperwork following the steps above.*
- **Basic Life Support**
 - **The RED BLS compartment on an ALS/BLS bag** or BLS fanny-pack style bag will carry the following medications ONLY: Nitrostat, EpiPen, EpiPen Jr. and baby Aspirin. The EMT can only access this compartment and the Naloxone compartment to treat his/her patient per protocol.
 - Each bag is labeled with a numeric code.
 - Upon completion of a transport, the bag is exchanged at the receiving hospital *with the appropriate paperwork following the steps above.*

EXCHANGE PROCESS

- Each department is assigned to a "home" hospital. The assigned hospital is the central resource for initial fulfillment of medications for the drug bags and wholesale exchanges, replacement, or additions as required by revisions to the GMVEMS Council Standing Orders Protocols. Under normal operating parameters, drug bags can be exchanged at any participating hospital or within the same department.
 - ALS/BLS bags may be exchanged one-for-one with another ALS/BLS bag. BLS bags may be exchanged one-for-one with another BLS bag.
- EMS providers are required to inventory each opened compartment, discard any used sharps and clean any contaminants from bag used, and apply a red seal before exchanging for a replacement bag. The red seal will be looped through the proximal portion of the zipper tab (not the outermost portion of the zipper tab).
- Once you have verified the contents, seal the compartment with the RED tag, **placing the blue seal from the opened compartment back in that compartment**, unless there is a discrepancy. If any old blue seals (from previous runs) are found in the compartment, remove them, and send them to the EMS Coordinator for the receiving hospital. .
- Any discrepancies (missing meds, expired meds, wrong meds or dose, altered or tampered meds, drug bag number discrepancy, etc.) that are identified shall be reported to the GMVEMSC using the Drug Bag Discrepancy Report. (See discrepancy procedure)
- The primary care provider for the patient is responsible for the inventory of the drug bag prior to sealing it. If two departments have accessed a drug bag, they should jointly seal the drug bag.
- Each hospital designates a specific location for the exchange of drug bags. EMS personnel are **required** to complete the Sign In/Out log when exchanging a drug bag. Once sealed, any provider can exchange the drug bag.
- EMS Providers are responsible for ensuring that all blue seals on the new bag are intact when logging out an exchanged bag.

DOCUMENTATION OF DRUG USAGE

- Fentanyl, Ketamine, Morphine, Versed and Valium are controlled drugs. They must be tracked from the time they are dispensed into the drug bag through the time of administration.
- To insure the medications are properly accounted for, all AEMTs and Paramedics will document:
 - The drug name
 - The amount used
 - The amount wasted
 - The signature of the two witnesses if wastage (the person wasting the medication can sign as a witness).
- The GMVEMSC run sheets have a dedicated area for this documentation and required signature lines. Those using other types of run sheets should document the above information and the

required signatures. **Some hospitals also require the use of the GMVEMSC approved Controlled Drug Usage Form in addition to documentation on the run sheet. This GMVEMSC approved form must be filled out for any controlled drug use, even if there is no wastage.** This information shall be on both the original EMS department form and the hospital copy for reference if needed.

WASTED DRUG PROCEDURE

- Fentanyl, Ketamine, Morphine, Versed and Valium are controlled drugs. If a medication is only partially administered, the paramedic or AEMT must account for the all of the unused portion.
- To insure the medications are properly accounted for, all paramedics and AEMTs will document:
 - The drug name
 - The amount used
 - The amount wasted
 - The signature of a second witness if there is wastage.
- One witness will be the paramedic or AEMT wasting the medication and the second witness signature will be the nurse/physician/pharmacist or EMT who witnessed the disposal of the medication. Both witnesses will sign the run sheet.
- It is preferred to have a nurse or physician witness drug wastage. A pharmacist can also be a witness if a nurse or physician is not available. Using another EMS provider to witness wastage should be avoided unless the EMS provider cannot obtain a nurse, physician, or pharmacist as a witness. EMS personnel witnessing drug wastage can be of higher, equal or lower certification level.

GENERAL NON-COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES

- Each department and department medical director(s) will be notified if the annual written test and skills check-off has not been completed within the prescribed time period.
- The Ohio State Board of Pharmacy will be notified that a department or individual members of a department have not completed the annual written test and skills check-off within the prescribed time period.
- Hospital EMS coordinators and pharmacy departments will receive a list of departments or individuals within a department that are not in compliance with the operating guidelines. At the end of the testing season, if a department does not have 100% of their personnel completing both skill and written tests (or explanations for individuals not in compliance) noted in the Standing Orders database, then appropriate action, up to and including the removal of department from the Drug Bag program, may be taken by the chair of the drug bag committee.
- If copy of drug license(s) is not received by due date, GMVEMS Council notifies EMS department medical director. GMVEMS Council reserves the right to initiate the non-compliance action process for any Fire/EMS/Private Ambulance service that does not provide documentation for drug license(s) renewal.

DRUG BAG DISCREPANCIES

- **EMS providers are required to inventory each opened pouch prior to applying the red seal.**
- All discrepancies (missing meds, expired meds, wrong med or dose, altered or tampered meds, drug bag number discrepancy, etc.) that are identified shall be reported to GMVEMSC using the Drug Bag Discrepancy Report (Addendum E).
- **If at any time, an EMS provider encounters a discrepancy he/she will:**
 - Notify his/her EMS Officer of the discrepancy.
 - If the discrepancy was discovered after opening the bag, retain the blue seal and the hospital sticker that was attached to the drug bag in question.

- If the EMS provider is at the hospital, he/she will log the bag in using the normal procedure at that hospital while retaining the blue seal.
- He/she will advise the pharmacist or EMS Coordinator of the discrepancy and that he/she will be initiating the Discrepancy form as described below (pharmacist may request a copy of the Discrepancy form).
- The EMS Officer may contact the EMS Coordinator if assistance is needed.

Discrepancies Involving Controlled Drugs and/or Potential Tampering:

- When an issue arises concerning any of the following, a collaborative effort between the EMS organization/provider and the Hospital EMS Coordinator/Pharmacist shall be made in an attempt to resolve the issue:
 - A controlled drug (Fentanyl, Ketamine, Valium, Versed, or Morphine)
 - A stolen, missing or lost bag
 - Any medication that appears to have been altered or tampered with.
- If the issue cannot be resolved, the following steps shall be taken:
 - If the discrepancy was discovered by the EMS organization/provider, the person designated by the organization/provider shall comply with the requirements of OAC 4729-9-15 and GMVEMSC requirements as indicated below.
 - If the discrepancy was discovered by the hospital, the person designated by the hospital shall comply with the requirements of OAC 4729-9-15 and GMVEMSC requirements as indicated below.
- Required reporting for unresolved issues involving Controlled Drug or potential/suspected tampering or lost or stolen drug bags pursuant Federal and State Laws and GMVEMSC Protocol include:
 - Contact the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy by telephone at (614) 466-4143. Advise them you want to report a dangerous drug discrepancy. They will connect you with the appropriate person. (OAC 4729-9-15)
 - File a report with the appropriate law enforcement authorities (ORC 2921.22).
 - Notify the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) within 30 days of discovery using DEA Form 106 available electronically at: <https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/webforms/app106Login.jsp>. A 30-day extension may be requested in writing from the DEA. (CFR 1301.76(b)).
 - Submit a completed GMVEMSC Drug Bag Discrepancy Report located at Addendum #E, with appropriate supporting documentation, to the GMVEMSC.

Discrepancies Not involving Controlled Drugs and/or Potential Tampering

- Examples may include:
 - Non-controlled drugs that were not in the bag
 - Wrong number of medications or doses
 - Wrong drug concentration
 - Expired medications found
 - No expiration date on tag
 - Medications improperly labeled
 - Empty vials/packaged left in bag
 - Unsealed medications
 - Wrong medication administered
 - Unsealed pouch discovered
 - Bag logged out with red seal (used bag)
- If discovered by EMS, the EMS Officer will initiate the Discrepancy form. He/she shall provide a copy of the form and the Blue Seal to the Hospital EMS Coordinator and shall fax a copy of the report to the GMVEMSC (937-228-1035).
- If the Hospital discovers the discrepancy, the EMS Coordinator will initiate the Discrepancy Form and submit to GMVEMSC. If the EMS Coordinator is able to determine which EMS agency/hospital is responsible for the discrepancy, the agency/hospital will be notified and will receive a copy of the Discrepancy Form and the Blue Seal if applicable.

The GMVEMSC will:

- Maintain a record of all discrepancies that occur.
- Follow up with the agencies involved as needed.
- Advise the Drug Bag Chairperson of any and all discrepancies and action taken.

The Drug Bag Committee Chairperson will:

- Report at the bi-annual Drug Bag Committee meetings for discussion and resolutions to all discrepancies encountered.
- Assist the Council and or affected departments with any issues or questions that may result.

DRUG BAG BLUE SEALS

- **Blue seals:**
 - Blue seals are used by the pharmacy that inventories and restocks the ALS/BLS drug bags. The blue seals will have a hospital sticker attached to the seal that identifies the hospital and pharmacist that inventoried the bag and the expiration date of the next drug to expire. The inner compartment of the ALS bag and Intermediate will be sealed with a blue seal and will have the expiration date noted. The blue seal will be looped through the proximal portion of the zipper tab (not the outermost portion of the zipper tab). EMS should verify the blue seal is intact and has an expiration date before accepting the bag. When EMS opens a drug bag compartment, keep the blue seal in your possession until you have verified the contents are accounted for. Once you have verified the contents, seal compartment with RED tag, placing the blue seal in the compartment, unless there is a discrepancy.
- **Red Seals:**
 - Red seals identify ALS/BLS bags as being used. EMS providers are required to inventory each opened pouch, discard any used sharps and clean any contaminants from bag used and then take red seal from the inside compartment (supplied by pharmacy when restocking the ALS/BLS bag) and seal the used compartment. The red seal will be looped through the proximal portion of the zipper tab (not the outermost portion of the zipper tab).

Hospital Pharmacies should use the same style colored seals to maintain continuity of the system. Hospital pharmacists can purchase these seals through the GMVEMSC office.

ADDENDUM A

Lost or Stolen Drug Bag Policy

RE: Lost or Stolen Drug Bags
APPROVED: June 1994
PURPOSE: To provide a uniform mechanism for the investigation and reporting of lost or stolen drug bags.

EMS DEPARTMENT SHALL:

- Develop and implement an internal investigation mechanism for lost or stolen drug bags. The internal investigation mechanism should include:
 - Determine if drug bag was left at the scene.
 - Determine if drug bag was not exchanged on last run.
 - Determine if drug bag is in the wrong vehicle.
 - Interview all personnel who had access to the drug bag.
- The GMVEMSC will seek the assistance of the Drug Bag Co-Chair to check with all hospitals to determine if the bag might be in inventory or be alerted if it shows up at one of the hospitals.
- EMS Officer will initiate the Drug Bag Discrepancy Form and follow instructions for reporting lost or stolen drug bags. Completed paperwork and reports will be submitted to GMVEMSC.
- The GMVEMSC will contact the hospital EMS Coordinator with whom the EMS Department is assigned to work out a drug bag replacement. The EMS Coordinator will contact *GMVEMSC for a drug bag replacement after all paperwork is submitted and GMVEMSC will assess a fee for replacement bag to be paid for by the EMS Department receiving the replacement bag.*

ADDENDUM B

HOSPITAL PARTICIPATION POLICY

APPROVED: 29 November 2001

GENERAL PURPOSE:

To ensure uniformity of hospital pharmacy participation in the DBEP.

The Hospital Shall:

- Purchase (at cost), fill, and maintain a supply of bags sufficient to meeting the needs of an average day, plus a few extra to meet peak demands for bag replacement.
- Accept responsibility for filling new bags for departments or vehicles as assigned by Council, at hospital expense.
- Assign one licensed pharmacist and an EMS coordinator to attend and participate in the Standing Orders and Drug Bag Exchange Program Committees.
- Agree to pay annual dues and any fees assessed by Council that are approved by the DBEP Committee and the GMVEMSC Council that pertain to the DBEP.

GMVEMSC SHALL:

- Maintain a current State Drug Licenses for all participants in the DBEP.
- Furnish hospital pharmacy with a current listing of all departmental personnel authorized to access the GMVEMSC drug bags and copy of the protocol.
- Assign departments to hospitals in both a geographic and otherwise equitable fashion.

ADDENDUM C

AGREEMENT LETTER

Please type or print legibly

DEPARTMENT/SERVICE: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

FAX: _____

This department/service agrees to abide by the GMVEMS Council Drug Bag Exchange Program and Standing Orders operating guidelines.

SIGNATURE: _____

Fire Chief, EMS Administrator, or Private Ambulance Administrator.

DATE: _____

Return to:

GMVEMSC

2 Riverplace, Suite 400

Dayton OH 45405

Phone: 937-228-1288

Fax: 937-228-1035

ADDENDUM D

New Member Policy requiring Drug (ALS/BLS) bag for licensure of their ALS/BLS unit

Those Agencies who have applied for membership and require a GMVEMSC drug bag to license their units may request a GMVEMSC drug Bag to be available 24 hours prior to the Ohio Medical Transportation Board (OMTB) inspection date providing they have done the following:

1. Have applied for a GMVEMSC membership
2. They have provided a copy of their State Pharmacy License
3. Have been given a provisional membership by the GMVEMSC Executive Committee if the inspection is before regularly scheduled Council meeting.
4. Personnel must be checked off on Standing Orders and data entered on GMVEMSC data base.
5. Medical Director must submit a notarized letter to the State Pharmacy Board with License application stating they approve their department to use the GMVEMSC protocols.
 - i. Medical Directors have the right to limit their personnel from using certain medications or procedures within the scope of the GMVEMSC protocols.
 - ii. Medical Directors may elect to change or add medications or procedures to the protocol. The Medical Director must include those protocols in addendum to the GMVEMSC, be responsible for the training and documentation of training in of their protocol as well as purchasing and maintaining those drugs that are not included in the standard inventory of the GMVEMSC ALS or BLS.

The agency has 72 hours to show proof of a temporary permit from the date of inspection to the GMVEMS Council office. If they cannot demonstrate an OMTB permit in that time the Drug bag must be returned to the Hospital to which the agency is assigned or the hospital that provided the drug bag.

ADDENDUM E
GMVEMSC Drug Bag Discrepancy Report

If at any time an EMS provider encounters a discrepancy he/she will notify their EMS Officer of the discrepancy. If the discrepancy was discovered after opening the bag, retain the blue seal and the hospital sticker that was attached to the drug bag in question. If the EMS provider is at the hospital, they will log the bag in using the normal procedure at that hospital. They will advise the pharmacist or EMS Coordinator of the discrepancy and that they will be initiating the Discrepancy form as described below (pharmacist may request a copy of the Discrepancy form).

Date of report:_____ Bag Number:_____ Date Discrepancy discovered:_____
Discovered by:_____ Hospital/EMS Dept making discovery:_____

Have blue Hospital seal? YES/NO If yes - Attach seal to report

Tracking:

Date bag was logged out:_____ from (hospital)_____ To (EMS
agency)_____ Date Bag turned in: _____ to (hospital)_____

Description of the discrepancy: (Attach addendum if additional space needed)

Describe efforts to resolve the discrepancy: (Attach addendum if additional space needed)

Was the discrepancy satisfactorily resolved? _____ If not, what steps are to be taken:_____

Who will be responsible for any required reporting:_____

Reporting requirements:

Was a police report filed? _____ Date: _____ By whom? _____

Was a DEA report filed? _____ Date: _____ By whom? _____

Required documents submitted to GMVEMSC By:_____ Date:_____

For Drug Bag committee use:

Wrong Med stocked		Bag logged out with red seal	
Expired meds found		Empty vials/packages found	
Wrong dose packaged		Open pouch found	
Missing Meds		Unsealed bottles found	
Wrong number packaged		Med found in wrong compartment	
No exp date on tag		Wrong med administered	
Atrovent/Albuterol not labeled		Lost or stolen bag	
Damaged medications		Other:	
Other:			

GMVEMSC – White

Pharmacy - Yellow

EMS Department - Blue

ADDENDUM F

OAC 4729-9-15

Report of theft or loss of dangerous drugs, controlled substances, and drug documents.

(A) Each prescriber, terminal distributor of dangerous drugs, or wholesale distributor of dangerous drugs shall notify the following upon discovery of the theft or significant loss of any dangerous drug or controlled substance, including drugs in transit that were either shipped from or to the prescriber, terminal distributor of dangerous drugs, or wholesale distributor of dangerous drugs:

- (1) The state board of pharmacy, by telephone immediately upon discovery of the theft or significant loss;
- (2) If a controlled substance, the drug enforcement administration (DEA) pursuant to section 1301.76(b), Code of Federal Regulations;
- (3) Law enforcement authorities pursuant to section 2921.22 of the Revised Code.

(B) Controlled substance thefts must also be reported by using the Federal DEA Report form whether or not the controlled substances are subsequently recovered and/or the responsible parties are identified and action taken against them. A copy of the federal form regarding such theft or loss shall be filed with the State Board of Pharmacy within thirty days following the discovery of such theft or loss.

- (1) An exemption may be obtained upon sufficient cause if the federal form cannot be filed within thirty days.
- (2) A request for a waiver of the thirty-day limit must be requested in writing.

(C) Each prescriber, terminal distributor of dangerous drugs, or wholesale distributor of dangerous drugs immediately upon discovery of any theft or loss of:

- (1) Uncompleted prescription blank(s) used for writing a prescription, written prescription order(s) not yet dispensed, and original prescription order(s) that have been dispensed, shall notify the state board of pharmacy and law enforcement authorities.
- (2) Official written order form(s) as defined in division (Q) of section 3719.01 of the Revised Code shall notify the state board of pharmacy and law enforcement authorities, and the drug enforcement administration (DEA) pursuant to section 1305.12(b), Code of Federal Regulations.

ADDENDUM G
OAC 4729-33-03 Security and storage of dangerous drugs

(A) Overall supervision and control of dangerous drugs is the responsibility of the responsible person. The responsible person may delegate the day-to-day tasks to the emergency medical service (EMS) organization personnel who hold appropriate certification to access the dangerous drugs for which they are responsible.

(B) All dangerous drugs must be secured in a tamper-evident setting with access limited to EMS personnel based on their certification status except for sealed, tamper-evident solutions labeled for irrigation use. All registrants shall provide effective and approved controls and procedures to deter and detect theft and diversion of dangerous drugs.

(C) Only paramedics, advanced emergency medical technician, registered nurses, physicians, and pharmacists who are associated with that EMS organization may have access to any controlled substances maintained by the EMS organization. Other persons employed by the EMS organization may have access to controlled substances only under the direct and immediate supervision of a paramedic, an advanced emergency medical technician as defined in rules 4765-16-01 and 4765-16-02 of the Administrative Code, a registered nurse, or a physician in emergency situations.

(D) Administration of dangerous drugs by EMS personnel is limited to the scope of practice, as determined by the State Board of Emergency Medical Services, for the individual's certification level and the protocols as established by the medical director or when the individual is acting within their certification level pursuant to direct prescriber's orders received over an active communication link.

(E) All dangerous drugs will be maintained in a clean and temperature-controlled environment.

(F) Any dangerous drug that reaches its expiration date is considered adulterated and must be separated from the active stock to prevent possible administration to patients.

(G) Any non-controlled dangerous drug that is outdated may be returned to the supplier where the drug was obtained or may be disposed of in the proper manner.

(I) Destruction of outdated controlled substances may only be done by a State Board of Pharmacy agent or by prior written permission from the State Board of Pharmacy office.

(J) Destruction of partially used controlled substances can be accomplished, with the appropriate documentation, by two licensed health care personnel, one of which must have at least an advanced emergency medical technician, as defined in rules 4765-16-01 and 4765-16-02 of the Administrative Code, level of training.

(K) Any loss or theft of dangerous drugs must be reported upon discovery, by telephone, to the State Board of Pharmacy, local law enforcement and, if controlled substances are involved, to the Drug Enforcement Administration. A report must be filed with the State Board of Pharmacy of any loss or theft of the vehicle or storage cabinets containing dangerous drugs used by the EMS organization.

(L) Any dangerous drug showing evidence of damage or tampering shall be removed from stock and replaced immediately.

ADDENDUM H

Ambulance Restocking Policy

EMS Supply Exchange Program

September 23, 2014

History

The member hospitals of GDAHA have supported Emergency Medical Services agencies in the region for decades. In 1998, GDAHA received permission (Advisory Opinion No. 98.7) from the Department of Health & Human Services to continue to exchange drugs (GMVEMSC Drug Bag Program) and supplies with EMS agencies and avoid violating the anti-kickback (safe harbor) statute of the Social Security Act. The hospitals named in the advisory are in the eight (8) county West Central Region: Champaign, Clark, Darke, Greene, Miami, Montgomery, Preble and Shelby.

In December 2001, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services issued an Ambulance Final Rule on Ambulance Restocking Safe Harbor. Elements of the Safe Harbor include: 1) Billing and Claim Submission; 2) Documentation; 3) Not Tied to Referrals; and 4) Compliance with other laws.

Current Situation

EMS agencies and personnel need to understand the benefits of the EMS Supply exchange program, as offered by GDAHA members participating in this program. EMS agencies and personnel must also realize that they must adhere to the agreement, particularly the areas highlighted below:

1. **Written records describing each of the medical supplies and/or medications utilized by the patient during the transport.** For all transports to Member Hospitals, the EMS agencies will provide the receiving Hospital Member with copies of such written records **upon arrival at the Hospital.**
2. Participating hospital members will restock EMS agency ambulances, at no charge to EMS agency, with the medical supplies and/or medications which were **utilized by the patient during the transport to the receiving Hospital.**

Hospitals will not restock items used on patients delivered to another hospital. It is the responsibility of the EMS agencies to restock items used on patients delivered to a hospital that is not a participant in the Agreement. **Participating hospitals will restock drug bags.**

Hospitals are not required to participate in this restocking program. This is a benefit to EMS Agencies in the region. Restocking an ambulance at a participating hospital for items used on a patient delivered to a hospital not participating in the agreement, will jeopardize this program.

Hospitals will not provide medical supplies to a new ambulance, or an old ambulance being returned to service. These ambulances must be stocked for the first time by the EMS agency.

ADDENDUM I

Protocol Testing Compliance

I, _____ (Chief's Name Printed), do hereby certify that all

members of _____ (Agency/ Department Name)

have completed the _____ (Year) GMVEMSC Protocol Testing as of _____ (Date

of Completion) with the exception of the following personnel:

(List anyone who has not completed testing)

Chief's Signature

**GREATER DAYTON AREA HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
GREATER MIAMI VALLEY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
GREATER MONTGOMERY COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION
POLICY STATEMENT FOR
TEMPORARY REROUTING OF EMERGENCY PATIENTS**

To avoid misunderstanding, all parties are cautioned to use the word “rerouting,” never “closed.”

Patients are never rerouted for patient's economic considerations.

The following patients are NOT rerouted:

**RESPIRATORY AND/OR CARDIAC ARREST
CARDIAC & STROKE ALERT CRITERIA PATIENTS
MAJOR TRAUMA
MATERNITY
SERIOUS BURNS
HIGH RISK NEONATAL
DIALYSIS PATIENT
AIR MEDICAL TRANSPORT
HYPERBARIC
RECENTLY DISCHARGED PATIENTS (48 hours)**

When conditions exist that may hinder the timely treatment of additional emergency cases, the Designated Hospital Official will declare the “Rerouting of Emergency Patients to be in Effect.” The hospital will update the “GDAHA SurgeNet Web Page.” The Hospital will notify their appropriate dispatch center, identify the hospital, name and title of caller, as needed. The hospital will then notify (by prior agreement, this can be via the SurgeNet Web Page) at least the following organizations:

1. The emergency department of each metropolitan hospital:
 - a. The Children's Medical Center
 - b. Good Samaritan Hospital
 - c. Grandview Medical Center
 - d. Kettering Medical Center
 - e. Miami Valley Hospital
 - f. Miami Valley Hospital South
 - g. Southview Medical Center
 - h. Sycamore Medical Center
2. The appropriate emergency medical services – refer to individual hospital call list
3. The emergency department of non-metropolitan hospitals:
 - a. Wayne Hospital, Greenville
 - b. Atrium Medical Center, Middletown
 - c. Wilson Memorial Hospital, Sidney
 - d. Springfield Regional Medical Center
 - e. Mercy Memorial Hospital, Urbana
 - f. Upper Valley Medical Center, Troy
 - g. Greene Memorial Hospital, Xenia
 - h. Department of Veterans Affairs - Medical Center
 - i. 88th Medical Center, WPAFB

Communicate the following information:

Rerouting of emergency patients is requested by name hospital due to overcrowding. One of the following categories of rerouting may be requested. Hospitals MUST specify what category is being rerouted using the following options:

**Reroute all Emergency Patients
Reroute all but major trauma (Trauma Centers Only)
Reroute Intensive and/or Coronary Care Patients Only.**

After two (2) hours hospitals will be notified by page and/or email to review their reroute status.

It will be the responsibility of the **rerouting hospital to cancel their rerouting status and:**

1. Update the GDAHA SurgeNet Web Page
2. Use the same notification protocols used to initiate the rerouting procedure as appropriate

LOCKDOWN: the hospital has activated its disaster plan because of an internal emergency, bomb threat, or other situation rendering it unable to accept patients.

INFORMATIONAL CATEGORIES:

On occasion, hospitals will not be able to handle a certain category of patients. For example:

- CAT Scan is not available; stroke or head trauma patients should be diverted;
- Haz-mat patients should be diverted;
- A physician specialty is not available;

The hospital that is diverting this certain category of patients will not be considered rerouting in these circumstances. This will be shown on the web page as SPECIAL SITUATION – see Notes/Call.

THREE HOSPITALS NEED TO REROUTE

In the event that overcrowding and rerouting exists at the same time at two (2) hospitals in close geographic proximity (Addendum A) and the third hospital in the same geographic area needs to reroute, by prior agreement, all hospitals will terminate their rerouting **for a minimum of two hours (Forced Open)**. It will be the responsibility of the third hospital to initiate communication with the other rerouting hospitals' individuals responsible for reroute to review the situation. If any of the rerouted hospitals can stop rerouting they will do so, to avoid all hospitals having to stop rerouting.

REROUTING EMERGENCY

If none of the three hospitals can stop rerouting, then a “rerouting emergency” will be declared and the following procedures will be followed.

1. Update the GDAHA SurgeNet Web Page
2. All three hospitals will call previously notified agencies and inform them that rerouting emergency has been declared.
3. When a rerouting emergency is declared, Children’s Medical Center will remain available to accept patients up to 21 years of age (*no maternity patients*).
4. Squads should transport patients to their assigned reroute emergency “home base” hospital(s) (See Addendum B):

Note: During mutual aid or out of district transport as aided agency/district.

When emergency medical service personnel respond to an emergency call and the patient and/or physician requests him to proceed to a hospital which is rerouted, the emergency medical services personnel will have the responsibility of advising the patient and/or physician that “due to overcrowding of the hospital patient care may be jeopardized.” **If the patient and/or physician still requests to be transported to the rerouted hospital, the emergency medical services personnel will contact and consult with a Medical Control physician in the emergency department of the rerouted hospital.**

All concerned parties should acknowledge the situation in which emergency medical services personnel (in the absence of a physician’s judgment) may determine the victim to be in critical need of immediate medical care and decide to transport the victim to the nearest hospital, even though overcrowded conditions exist in the hospital. Any discussion concerning the decision of the emergency medical services personnel should be done privately and after the patient care has been initiated.

Emergency medical service personnel should use their radios, cellular phone or dispatcher to notify the rerouting hospital in unusual circumstances (critical illness or injury, multi-victim incidents, etc.).

GREATER DAYTON AREA HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

POLICY STATEMENT FOR TEMPORARY REROUTING OF EMERGENCY PATIENTS

ADDENDUM A

Geographic Areas:

1. In the event that overcrowding and rerouting exists at the same time at two (2) hospitals in the list below and a third hospital in the list below needs to reroute, by prior agreement no hospitals will reroute for two (2) hours.
 - a. Good Samaritan Hospital
 - b. Grandview Medical Center
 - c. Kettering Medical Center
 - d. Miami Valley Hospital
2. In the event that overcrowding and rerouting exists at the same time at two (2) hospitals in the geographic groups below and a third hospital needs to reroute, by prior agreement no hospitals will reroute for two (2) hours.
 - a. Greene Memorial and two (2) of the following: Miami Valley, Kettering, Grandview, Southview or Miami Valley Hospital South.
 - b. Upper Valley Medical Center and two (2) of the following: Good Samaritan, Grandview, Miami Valley, or Wilson Memorial Hospital in Sidney.
 - c. Any three (3) of the following: Atrium Medical Center, Southview, Sycamore, Kettering and Miami Valley South.
 - d. Wayne Hospital, Good Samaritan and Grandview.

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**ADDENDUM B
GREATER DAYTON AREA HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION**

**REROUTE EMERGENCY
EMS – HOSPITAL PROPOSED PAIRING**

Reroute Emergency is declared when three or more hospitals in the same geographic area are extremely overcrowded and none of the three hospitals feel that they can stop rerouting. When a rerouting emergency is declared the following procedures will be followed.

1. The third rerouting hospital will coordinate communications with the designated administrative person in charge, at the other rerouting hospitals.
2. **Each GDAHA hospital** will notify the home base EMS agencies assigned to them, as well as other squads that they normally notify out of the GDAHA service area, and inform them that a **Rerouting Emergency** has been declared. Squads should transport patient to their assigned “home base” hospital. Only Good Samaritan Hospital will notify Harrison Township. Only Miami Valley Hospital will notify Dayton Fire Department. Only Sycamore Hospital will notify Miami Township.
3. Following notification of EMS, hospitals able to maintain Normal Operation should not change their status on the web page to Reroute Emergency, until conditions warrant that change.
4. Squads should CONSIDER utilizing outlying hospitals or other hospitals in normal status.
5. Children’s Medical Center will remain available to accept patients up to 21 years of age. (*No maternity patients.*)
6. Rerouting Emergency **DOES NOT** apply to the following categories of patients: respiratory and/or cardiac arrest; Trauma, maternity, serious burns, high risk neonatal, dialysis patient, air medical transport, hyperbaric, **cardiac or stroke** alert patients, or recently discharged patients (48 hours).
7. **After a maximum of two (2) hours all hospitals in Reroute Emergency must reevaluate their status.**
8. ***Squads should transport patients to their assigned reroute emergency “home base” hospital(s) as follows:***
Note: During mutual aid or out of district transport as aided agency/district

Good Samaritan Hospital

Brookville
Clayton, Englewood, Union
Dayton Fire Department #16
Eaton
Harrison – Turner Road
New Lebanon
Lewisburg
Trotwood
West Alexandria
North Central
Phillipsburg

McCullough Hyde Hospital-Oxford

Camden

Upper Valley Medical Center

Miami County Squads

Greene Memorial Hospital

Cedarville Township
Cedarville University
Central State University
Jefferson Township
Miami Township
New Jasper Township
Silvercreek Township
Spring Valley
Xenia
Xenia Township

Grandview Medical Center

Box 21
Butler Township
Dayton Fire Department #2, 8, 13, 14
Harrison – I-75 & Needmore
Vandalia

Kettering Medical Center

Dayton Fire Department #15, 18
Kettering (4 units)
Miami Valley Fire District #55
Moraine (4 units)

Miami Valley Hospital

Dayton Fire Department #11, 10
Jefferson Township
Oakwood
Riverside
University of Dayton Public Safety

Miami Valley Hospital South

Bellbrook
Kettering #36
Sugarcreek (2 units)
Washington Township #44

Southview Medical Center

Clearcreek Township
Miami Valley Fire District #52
Washington Township #41, 42, 43, 45
Wayne Township

Sycamore Medical Center

Farmersville
Miami Valley Fire District #51, 53, 54
West Carrollton
Germantown
JEMS

Springfield Reg. Med Center

Hustead EMS
Madison Township
Harmony Township
Springfield Township
Pleasant Township
SFRD Medic
German Township
Pike Township
Bethel Township
Mad River Township
Moorefield Township

Wayne Healthcare

Darke County Squads

Wilson Memorial Hospital

Shelby County Squads

Atrium Medical Center

Gratis
Lebanon
Mason
Monroe
Turtlecreek
Middletown

Clinton Memorial Hospital-Wilmington

Massie Township

Reid Hospital-Richmond, Indiana

NW Fire – New Paris

Huber Heights Emergency

Huber Heights
New Carlisle
Bethel Miami

Soin Medical Center

Beavercreek
Fairborn

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ADDENDUM C

GREATER DAYTON AREA HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION EMS REROUTE PAGER

A summary of the hospital reroute status is sent every 15 minutes. The following is an explanation of the abbreviations used

HOSPITAL NAME ABBREVIATIONS

CMC – Children’s Medical Center
GSH – Good Samaritan Hospital
GVH – Grandview Medical Center
GMH – Greene Memorial Hospital
KMC – Kettering Medical Center
SRMC – Springfield Regional Medical Center
MVH – Miami Valley Hospital
MVS – Miami Valley Hospital South
AMC – Atrium Medical Center, Franklin
SVH – Southview Medical Center
SYC – Sycamore Medical Center
UV – Upper Valley Medical Center
VA – Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center
WAY – Wayne Hospital, Greenville
WMH – Wilson Memorial Hospital
WP – 88th Medical Center, WPAFB

HOSPITAL STATUS ABBREVIATIONS

NORM – Normal Operations
ALL – Reroute all Emergency Patients
MTO – Reroute all but major trauma (Major Trauma Only)
ICOR - Reroute Intensive and/or Coronary Care Patients Only
FO – Forced Open
EMR – Emergency Reroute
CALL – Special Situation Call the ED
LOCK – Internal Emergency ED is Closed

Hospital Capabilities Chart Below is a list of hospitals and the specialty capabilities of each (Stroke, PCI, Trauma, etc.)							
Hospital	Adult Trauma Center	Pedi Trauma Center	Inpatient Burn Center	Interventional Cath Lab 24/7	Labor & Delivery	Stroke Thrombo-lytics	Other
Atrium	Level 3			Cardiac only	Y	Y	2,4
Children's		Level 2	Y				2,8
Good Sam				Cardiac only	Y	Y	2,4
Grandview	Level 3			Cardiac only		Y	2,4,8
Greene	Level 3					Y	2,7
Huber Heights-GVH							2,6
Jamestown						Y	2,4,5,7
Kettering	Level 2			Cardiac, Stroke	Y	Y	2,4,8
Mercy-Urbana						Y	5,7
Miami Valley	Level 1		Y	Cardiac, Stroke	Y	Y	2,4,5,8
Miami Valley South					Y	Y	2,7
Reid				Cardiac only	Y	Y	2,5
Soin Medical	Level 3				Y	Y	2,7
Southview				Cardiac only	Y	Y	4,8
Springfield RMC				Cardiac only	Y	Y	2,5
Sycamore						Y	2,4,7
Upper Valley					Y	Y	2,5
VA							
Wayne					Y	Y	2,7
West Chester	Level 3						2,5
Wilson					Y	Y	2,5
WPAFB					Y		2

2 Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners available 24/7

4 Accredited Stroke Center

5 Pediatric Capability

6 No Alerts to Facility

7 Has a "Cardiac Alert Program" No Interventional Cath lab on site

8 Hand Trauma Center

Step	Atrium	CMC	GSH	GVH/SVH	GMH	KMH/SYC	MVH	MVH South	UVMC	SRMC	MMH	Wayne	Wilson
Updated	May-09	Sep-04	Sep-07	Sep-07	Sep-07	Sep-07				Sep-07	Sep-07	Sep-07	Jul-09
Wash Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Notify EMS Supervisor	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Report to hospital	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Hospital Contact	ED Charge Nurse > EMS Coordinator	NICU Charge Nurse	ED staff or Infection Control	ED Staff -> EMS Coord.	ED Staff -> EMS Coord.	ED Staff -> Infection Control	Security -> AOC	Charge Nurse	Resource Supervisor	Infection Control	Infection Control	Infection Control	ED Staff
Complete "Request for Information Form for HCWs"	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Register w/ ED	Encouraged	If desired	If desired	Y	Y	If desired	If desired	If desired	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Have your lab drawn	If Desired	If source is high risk (not routine)	If indicated	Y	Y	If desired	If desired	If desired	If desired	If Indicated	If indicated	If indicated	If indicated
Have source lab drawn (HIV, Hep B, Hep C)	Y (Rapid HIV Available)	Y	Y (Rapid HIV avail.)	Y (Rapid HIV avail.)	Y	Y	Y (Rapid HIV avail)	Y (Rapid HIV avail)	Y (Rapid HIV avail.)	Y (Rapid HIV avail.)	Y	Y	Y (Rapid HIV available)
Follow-up Consult YOUR Fire/EMS Dept policies/procedures	EMS Coordinator	Follow dept policy	Infection Control	EMS Coord. or designee & Follow dept policy	Work Plus Dept	Infection Control & Follow dept policy	Infection Control or Admin Officer	Infection Control or Admin Officer	Occupational Health	Infection Control	Infection Control	Infection Control	Follow EMS policy
Comments	Have request for information forwarded to EMS Coordinator Anti-Viral medication available in ER if indicated	Infection Control Doc available 24/7 for RN contact if needed	Infection Control is notified of Exposure Incident by EMS coordinator	EMS Coord. is to be paged 24/7 by ED or Prehospital care provider	Give form to EMS Coord. Who forwards to Infection Control for follow up	Infection Control to be paged 24/7 by ED	Security page Infection Control Mon-Fri 8-4. Admin Officer to be paged at all other times including holidays	Charge Nurse to page Infection Control M-F 8-4 Admin officer to be paged at all other times including holidays	Place form in locked box in EMS Room for EMS Managr to forward to Occupational Health	Give form to EMS Coord who forwards to Infection Control for follow up	Give form to EMS Coord who forwards to Infection Control for follow up	Give form to Infection Control, ED Manager or House Supervisor	Hosp ED sends white copy of "Request for Info by EMS Worker" to Inf. Preventionist. Yellow copy to EMS coordinator. Inf. Preventionist oversees communication of results & related documentation has been completed per policy.

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Updated 7-7-09 (Data subject to change – check periodically to ensure most current)

	PHONE	FAX
Children's Medical Center	641-4444	641-5301
Good Samaritan Hospital Maternity	275-9722 734-7579	276-8217
Grandview Hospital	723-3419	461-0020
Huber Heights-GVH	558-3338	552-3349
Kettering Medical Center	395-8080	395-8347
Miami Valley Hospital Maternity	208-2440 208-2408	208-2521 208-2651
Miami Valley South Health Center	438-2662	438-2262
Southview Hospital Maternity	401-6226 401-6850	401-6158 401-6861
Sycamore Hospital	384-8766	384-8729
Veterans Administration Medical Center	262-2172	267-5364

Hospitals in **bold type** ask to be called for every patient.

	PHONE	FAX
Atrium Medical Center, Middletown	513-424-3924	513-420-5133
Greene Memorial Hospital, Xenia	937-372-2297	937-352-3501
Jamestown(MVH)	937-374-5274	937-374-5275
Mercy Memorial Hospital, Urbana	937-484-6160	937-484-6183
McCullough-Hyde Hospital, Oxford	513-524-5353	513-523-0144
Reid Memorial Hospital, Richmond, IN	765-983-3161	765-983-3038
Soin Medical Center	937-702-4525	937-702-4509
Springfield Regional Medical Center	937-328-9372	937-328-9185
Upper Valley Medical Center, Troy	937-440-4600	937-440-4346
Wayne Hospital, Greenville	937-547-5777	937-547-5790
West Chester Hospital	513-298-8888	513-298-8978
Wilson Memorial Hospital, Sidney	937-498-5300	937-498-4201
WPAFB Medical Center, Fairborn	937-257-3295	937-656-1673

Hospitals in **bold type** ask to be called for every patient.

Region 2 EMS Providers,

This Training Manual has been produced as a result of countless hours of work by a diverse cross section of the EMS community in the Region. The members of the Standing Orders and Continuing Education Committees, and the RPAB have put countless hours into this document. The groups have responded to changes in medication availability and have used your input to improve these documents.

There are companion documents and additional resources that are available for you to either view online / download for further explanation on the Training / Testing process for 2015. The first of these is the “2015 Implementation Guide”. It addresses the new philosophy, CEUs, and other important information regarding the testing. The other is the Ohio Public Safety “Scope of Practice” document. We hope to have additional supplemental material posted on the website soon.

The Training Manuals and processes would not have been possible without the strong foundation left by the past chairpersons of the Continuing Education Committee: Anne Boyd, Steve Stein and David Gerstner. David has worked on the EMS Council for 30 continuous years. A special debt of gratitude is owed to Pat Kincer, who has not only provided invaluable feedback for the AEMT Orders, but contributed numerous hours of editing to make all four of our Standing Orders books better, more concise and eminently more readable. Thank you to all who have volunteered and critiqued these manuals.

I would like to take time for a special thank you to Bill Mangas and Terri Norris who have managed the written testing process for many years. Terri has managed the GMVEMSC website for years. She has moved on to new adventures. Best wishes!

I would also like to thank Dr. Randy Marriott and all RPAB members.

Sincerely,
Jack A. Mix
Standing Orders Co-Chair

2014 EMT STANDING ORDERS CHANGES

Throughout Standing Orders:

- All SQ injections are now IM injections, per latest medical recommendations.

Communicating with Hospital or Medical Control:

- Updated lists of hospitals requesting notifications.
- Run Documentation Requirements: Must leave a run sheet within three hours.

Non-Initiation of Care:

- Added statement that CPR may be discontinued if it was started inappropriately on patients who meet non-initiation criteria.

DNR:

- CPAP is not allowed under DNR-CC

Field Termination:

- Field Termination without ALS Equipment section combined into Field Termination section.
- Reminder: EMS must speak directly with MCP for field termination

Initial Care:

- Added definition of SAMPLE, and referenced location for OPQRST.

Airway Maintenance:

- EMT and EMT-Advanced are permitted to suction tracheostomies.

Spinal Immobilization Protocol:

- New section.
- Defines different methods of spinal immobilization (not an absence of spinal immobilization)
- Removed previous optional section on Spinal Clearance.

Electronic End-Tidal CO2 Monitors:

- Explained titration of ventilations to effect CO2 levels.

Cardiac Arrest: Intra-Arrest

- Optional therapeutic hypothermia may now be started Intra-Arrest.

Suspected Cardiac Chest Pain:

- Must have two identifiers on EKGs.
- Women were deleted from the list of those having atypical presentations. Evidence now indicates that incidence of atypical presentations is no higher in females than in males.

Shock:

- Deleted orthostatic vitals as evidence indicates no value in the field.

Stroke:

- Changed time limits for stroke symptoms.

Hemorrhage Control:

- Wording changed pertaining to Combat Gauze.

Burns/Smoke Inhalation:

- In radiation burns, clarified that other medical emergency issues are treated first, to be consistent with national and regional guidelines.

Altered Level of Consciousness and Poisoning/Overdose Sections:

- Now encouraged to transport patients who have been given Narcan.
- EMTs can now administer Narcan

Asthma/Emphysema/COPD:

- If a breathing treatment is given, encourage transport.
- Changed Epinephrine doses to be consistent with new national guidelines, including simultaneous use of both EpiPen and EpiPen, Jr.

Allergic Reaction/Anaphylaxis:

- Deleted constricting bands.
- Changed Epinephrine doses to be consistent with new national guidelines, including simultaneous use of both EpiPen and EpiPen, Jr.

SALT Triage:

- Updated SALT Triage section to be consistent with Dayton MMRS triage materials and training programs.
- Clarified that LSIs must be within scope of practice.
- Clarified that Yellow patients can have significant injuries.
- Added “good-bad” mnemonic for four key questions.

Haz-Mat:

- Clarified eligibility for Dayton MMRS antibiotics in event of biological attack or event

Regional Hospital Notification System (RHNS):

- Updated list of hospitals notified.

Drug Sheets:

- Third Trimester is a contraindication for administration of ASA.

Skills Sheets:

- Added CPAP skill sheet

Hospital Capabilities List:

- Updated

2015 EMT & EMR STANDING ORDERS CHANGES

Assessment & Treatment

Do not d/c a pump needle assembly or hit suspend on the pump. Just treat the hypoglycemia.

Under cardiac arrest, changed CPR time to 1-2 minutes.

Perform manual BP on all pts presenting with s/s of shock.

Reworded combat gauze sentences.

Cold water submersion is an acceptable method for cooling heat stroke patients. You will see this more with athletic trainers cooling athletes in full body bags.

Additional APGAR score should be done at 10 minutes postnatal.

Asthmatic added as indication for CPAP

EpiPen administration for anaphylactic shock no longer call for orders.

Crush Syndrome

Crush syndrome protocol added

Check off Sheets

EpiPen sheet modified

Drug Bag Exchange Program

Additional requirements for drug bag program

Drug bags can only be exchanged between the same department, and not different departments.

Indications/Contraindication changes:

ASA

Diazepam,

Duodotes.

Epi

Nitro

Policies Changes/Clarifications

Added Addendum H: Ambulance Restocking Policy

Added Addendum I: Protocol Testing Compliance

Changes in phone numbers and hospital capabilities

Spinal Immobilization

Spinal Immobilization Protocol has been amended to include pediatric patients.

Spinal Immobilization Protocol age of 70 matches trauma triage age.

Stroke

Changed wording about transporting a stroke pt flat.

Changed wording about transport destinations for stroke pts.

Terminology

The term Intermediate has been changed to AEMT.