Greater Miami Valley
Emergency Medical Services Council

Basic

2008 Standing Orders Training Manual

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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 a(n):
  - First Responder
  - EMT-Basic
- This protocol is to be used in the field only. Communications must be attempted as soon as practical for potentially unstable patients or 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 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 EMT-Basics include those listed under the First Responder 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 can use appropriate confirmation devices ($EtCO_2$ detectors or monitors, and/or Esophageal Detection Devices).
- *Infrequently*, unusual patient situations and multiple complaints with competing priorities may prevent stepwise adherence to a specific section of this protocol. However, at no time should treatment options exceed those authorized here in without direct consultation with medical control. In all such cases, contact with medical control should be considered when logistically feasible.

ADMINISTRATION

Non-Initiation of Care

- Resuscitation will not be initiated in the following circumstances:
  - Burned beyond recognition
  - Decapitation
  - Deep, penetrating, cranial injuries
  - Massive truncal wounds
  - DNR Order - present and valid
  - Frozen body
  - Hemicorporectomy (body cut in half)
  - Rigor mortis, tissue decomposition, or severe dependent post-mortem lividity
  - Triage demands
  - Blunt trauma found in cardiac arrest *unless* one of the following conditions are present:
    - Patient can be delivered to an emergency department in 5 minutes.
    - If the arrest is caused by a medical condition.
    - Focused blunt trauma to the chest (such as a baseball to the chest).
  - 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.

DNR: Comfort Care / Comfort Care Arrest

DNR-Comfort Care (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
- Splint/immobilization
- Control bleeding
- Pain control

The following treatments are *not* permitted:

- Chest compressions
- Airway adjuncts
- Resuscitative drugs
- Defibrillation/cardioversion/monitoring
- Respiratory assistance (oxygen, suctioning are permitted)

DNR-Comfort Care Arrest (CCA)

(Permits any medical treatment until the patient goes into cardiac or respiratory arrest.)

- 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 action.

Field Termination of Resuscitation Efforts With No Available ALS

EMT-BASIC

- ♦When EMS providers **(not** including First Responders) are faced with a patient in Cardiac Arrest, no ALS equipment is available at the scene, and Transport time to a medical facility will exceed 20 minutes, consider contacting a MCP for orders to terminate the resuscitation.
- ♦MCP must be contacted and must speak directly with the EMS provider, and must give consent for the resuscitation effort to cease.
- 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 emergency transport of patients who are almost certainly non-viable.
- **Ensure that the EMS Coordinator of the hospital that authorized the Field Termination receives a copy of the run sheet for his/her records.**

PATIENT COMPETENCY / CONSENT

There are times when a "pink slip" or Involuntary Committal Form should be used. This REQUIRES coordination with and support from on scene law enforcement or health department officials, physician, or psychiatrist to "pink slip". Consult local rules, laws, policies, and / or guidelines.

- Determine patient competency and consent. Consider a patient may be incapable to make medical decisions if they are:
  - Suicidal
  - Confused
  - Severely developmentally or mentally disabled and injured/ill
  - Intoxicated and injured/ill with an altered mental status
  - Physically/verbally hostile
  - Unconscious

Per Ohio Revised Code 5122.01 and 5122.10, an EMTB, I or P may not "pink slip" an individual (transport a person to the hospital against their will for mental health evaluation) who is alert and oriented even if they are threatening harm to themselves or others. Only a health officer (such as a police officer, crisis worker, psychiatrist, licensed physician) can "pink slip" a person. The GMVEMSC strongly recommends that your fire/EMS department, in consultation with your medical director/advisor and local law enforcement, have a procedure to deal with these types of situations.

INITIAL CARE

FIRST RESPONDER

- Follow basic life support and airway algorithms as indicated based on current AHA Guidelines.
- Obtain chief complaint (OPQRST), SAMPLE history, vital signs per patient condition.

EMT-BASIC

- Utilize monitoring device {pulse oximeter, etc.} as appropriate.
- ♦ In a patient with an existing IV pump who is experiencing an allergic reaction, the pump may only be discontinued after receiving approval from MCP. Otherwise, the IV pump must be maintained. Exception: hypoglycemic diabetic patients with an insulin pump (see "Maintenance of Existing Medication Pumps" section for details)
- Bring the patient's medications, or a list of the medications, to the hospital and include the dose, and frequency of administration.

  <u>NOTE:</u> For patient with an insulin pump: take extra tubing and medication packet(s) to receiving facility with patient, if available.

AIRWAY MAINTENANCE

FIRST RESPONDER

- **O_2** as needed. Use the following rates as guidelines:
  - **2 LPM by NC** for patient with COPD.
  - **4 - 6 LPM by NC** for other patients.
  - **12 - 15 LPM by NRB** for severe trauma patients, distressed cardiac patients, patients with respiratory distress, and other patients who appear to need high flow **O_2**..

  NOTE: COPD patients in severe respiratory distress or with chest pain need the same O_2 devices and flow rates as any other patient in such condition.

- Ventilate patients who are symptomatic with an insufficient respiratory rate or depth.
- Consider if airway compromise or insufficient ventilations are present.

EMT-BASIC

- {Intubate} patient if pulseless and apenic
- Consider patient airway anatomy and condition for the appropriate selection of the proper airway adjunct.
  - If approved, adjuncts considered "rescue airways" such as the LMA or Dual Lumen Airways may be appropriate for a primary airway device.
- Confirm correct placement of advanced airway with clinical assessment and devices. CO2 detection methods are recommended.

Assessment Methods:

- Physical assessment including auscultation of the epigastrium, anterior chest, midaxillary areas, then the epigastrium again.
- Repeat visualization of the tube between the vocal cords.
- Condensation in the tube.
- Keeping an oral endotracheal tube at the 20-22 cm mark at the teeth will prevent inserting the ETT too far, greatly reduces the chances of a right mainstem bronchus intubations. Don't confuse right mainstem intubation for a pneumothorax.

Confirmation Devices:

- {$EtCO_2$ Monitor}
- {$EtCO_2$ with waveform}
- {Esophageal Detection Device (EDD)}

Electronic End Tidal CO_2 ($EtCO_2$) Monitors - Capnography

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 samples the ventilation more remotely from the patient. Capnography can be used with patients who are not intubated. In-line $EtCO_2$ monitors can be used on patient with or without adequate perfusion. Electronic monitors are more sensitive therefore changes can be seen in real-time.

Esophageal Detector Device (EDD)

These devices confirm tube placement mechanically. It is based on the principle that the esophagus is a collapsible tube, while the trachea is rigid. An EDD looks like a bulb syringe. Collapse the bulb first and then place the device on the end of the ETT prior to first ventilation. As the bulb tries to refill with air, it creates suction. If the tube is in the esophagus, the soft tissues will collapse around the holes in the ETT preventing expansion of the bulb. When the bulb does not refill (or refills very slowly), the tube is presumed to be in the esophagus. If the tube is in the trachea, there is nothing to occlude the movement of air. The bulb will rapidly refill, indicating that the ETT is properly placed.

Limitations:

- A large amount of gastric air (i.e. caused by carbonated beverage, aggressive ventilations, misplacement of ETT) and late term pregnancy can give a false positive finding
- A cold device may give a false negative result. (If the rubber bulb is stiff from the cold, it will fail to fill with air. The ETT will seem to be in the esophagus, when it is actually in the trachea).
- Cannot be used continuously. It must be removed after confirmation, though you may reuse it after patient movement.
- May only be used on pediatric patients who are older than 5 years of age and weigh at least 20kg/44 pounds.

Indications for Various Intubation Confirmation Devices

	Oral ETT	**Pulseless Pt.**	**Apneic Patient**
Electronic Waveform $EtCO_2$	Useful	Useful	Useful
EDD	Useful	Useful	Useful

NOTE: {Intubation} is not permitted unless at least one of the above devices is utilized and the Medical Director authorizes EMT-Basics to perform the procedure.

- Always secure the ET tube in place as effectively as possible, preferably with a commercial tube-securing device.
- Cervical collar is effective in maintaining patient's head in a neutral position.
- Re-assess ET tube placement every time the patient is moved.
- {Dual Lumen Airways (i.e., Combitube or Pharyngotracheal Lumen Airway (PtL), or a Laryngeal Mask Airway (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 in cardiac arrest.
- If routine ventilation procedures are unsuccessful, try to visualize obstruction with laryngoscope. If foreign body is seen, attempt to remove it using suction, if possible.

Maintenance of Existing IV Pumps

Do not stop the flow of medication unless you receive direct orders from MCP. There are some drugs, such as Flolan that could kill the patient if stopped. If you think the patient is experiencing an allergic reaction, call MCP. A possible reason for MCP to have you shut off the pump would be a patient having an allergic reaction who is receiving a new antibiotic being administered IV with the pump.

♦*NOTE: The exception is a diabetic patient with an Insulin Pump who is hypoglycemic as confirmed by a blood glucose monitor. If you are NOT familiar with the device, disconnect the tubing from the pump (first choice) or remove needle assembly from the patient (second choice). Do NOT turn off the pump. You may hit the wrong button and, inadvertently bolus the patient with a large amount of Insulin. If you are familiar with the device it is permissible to "Suspend" the administration of Insulin.*

Further info: http://www.ems.ohio.gov/policies/boardpolicypts%20preexisitingmedicaldevices.pdf

CARDIOVASCULAR EMERGENCIES

General Considerations:

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

CARDIAC ARREST: Basic Life Support

FIRST RESPONDER / EMT- BASIC

- Assess patient for respiratory and cardiac arrest
- Initiate CPR and {AED/Defibrillator} using most current American Heart Association Guidelines.
- Ratio of compressions to breaths of 30:2 at a rate of about 100 compressions per minute
- Consider {Impedence Threshold Device (i.e. Res Q Pod)}
- Transport patient as appropriate
- Consider treatable causes

NOTE: Current AEDs may not be programmed to the current AHA Guidelines. Utilize AED as it is programmed.

Suspected Cardiac Chest Pain

EMT-BASIC

- Ask male and female patients if they are taking Viagra, Revatio, or similar medications within the last 24 hours. Do not administer Nitroglycerin if taking above medications.
- ♦Give **Aspirin, 324 mg** to every patient with symptoms of ACS. Patient MUST CHEW the Aspirin. (Basics *must have an order to access the drug bag*). May assist with patients own aspirin without an order.
- ♦If prescribed, SBP >100, and the patient is at least 25 years of age administer **NTG, 0.4 mg SL every 5 minutes x 3** with vital signs between doses. Basics may assist patients with their own initial dose of their prescribed NTG, subsequent doses require MCP.

NOTE: Revatio is a drug approved for treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension (same disease that may be treated with Flolan at end stage). The drug improves exercise ability and contains Sildenafil *which is Viagra. For this reason, organic nitrates are contraindicated with Revatio as they are with Viagra. One major difference with Revatio is that it is indicated for both men and women. Fortunately, a history of pulmonary hypertension is more likely to be shared than one of erectile dysfunction. Providers should query patients, particularly PAH patients, about Revatio before giving nitro.*

CARDIAC DYSRHYTHMIAS

Bradycardia

EMT-BASIC

- Transport immediately unless ALS intercept is < 5 minutes

Tachycardia

EMT-BASIC

- Transport immediately unless ALS intercept is < 5 minutes.

Stroke

FIRST RESPONDER

- Complete GMVEMSC Prehospital Suspected CVA/TIA Checklist.
- Be prepared to ventilate and/or assist ventilations with oral or nasal airway and BVM or {FROPVD}.

EMT-BASIC

- Be prepared to ventilate at a rate of 20 respirations per minute (if signs of cerebral herniation are present) and/or assist ventilations with oral or nasal airway and BVM or {FROPVD}.
    - {If signs of cerebral herniation are present and quantitative (i.e., numeric) End Tidal CO_2 ($EtCO_2$) readings are available, ventilate at a rate to maintain $EtCO_2$ readings at approximately 30 mmHg (30 torr)}.
- Re-evaluate patient condition, contact MCP to advise you are en route with a stroke patient, and transport to hospital.
- If glucose <60, or there is strong suspicion of hypoglycemia despite glucometer readings
    - **Oral Glucose**

Symptoms Mimicking Stroke

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

TRAUMA EMERGENCIES

General Considerations

- 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, per destination protocols.
- 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.
- Document Glasgow Coma Scale including the individual components.
- Hypothermia is a significant and frequent problem in shock and 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 receiving Trauma Center.
- The *only* procedures that should take precedence to transport of Major Trauma patients are:
    - Extrication
    - Airway Management
    - Stabilization of neck/back or obvious femur and pelvic fractures on a backboard
    - Exsanguinating Hemorrhage Control

Exsanguinating Hemorrhage

- Control external bleeding with direct pressure, elevation, pressure points, etc.
- Treat for hypovolemic shock as indicated.

Triage and Transport Guidelines

Concepts

- After the trauma patient's extrication, the on-scene time should be limited to 10 minutes or less, except when there are extenuating circumstances.
- Trauma Patients, as identified in the document, should be transported to the nearest appropriate trauma center.
- Use of on-line, active MCP for medical direction in the field, particularly for difficult cases, is encouraged in compliance with regional standing orders.
- *Pre-arrival notification of the receiving facility is essential!* Give Mechanism of Injury, Injuries, Vital Signs, Treatment (MIVT) and ETA.
- List in the EMS Run Report which of the State Trauma Triage Criteria was met by the patient.

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 for the trauma patient.
- In areas of the region where the Level III Trauma Center is the only verified 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 in close proximity to a Level III trauma center and a Level I or Level II trauma center is still within the 30 minute transport guidelines established in this document, the EMS Provider should exercise professional judgment as to whether the patient would benefit more from an immediate evaluation, stabilization treatment at the proximate Level III trauma center or from direct transport by EMS Provider to the Level I or Level II trauma center.
- Regional Trauma Centers
    - Level I Miami Valley Hospital Fax # 937-208-2521
    - Level II Children's Medical Center Fax # 937-641-6176
    - Level III Greene Memorial Hospital N/A Helicopter will take trauma Pt. to Level I
    - Level III Middletown Regional Hosp. N/A Helicopter will take trauma Pt. to Level I

- In areas of the region where there are no verified Trauma Centers (within 30 minutes ground transport time), the acute care hospital may act as the primary receiving facility for the critically injured trauma patients. EMS Provider may arrange for air medical transport from the scene.
- If a pediatric patient meets the trauma triage guidelines, then they are taken to a pediatric trauma center. If transportation time is > 30 minutes to a pediatric trauma center, then transport to the nearest acute care hospital for stabilization and transfer. EMS Provider 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

- Pre-arrival notification of the receiving facility is essential.
- Prolonged delays at the scene waiting for air medical transport should be avoided.
- Traumatic cardiac arrest due to blunt trauma 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.

Exceptions to Triage and Transportation Guidelines

- It is medically necessary to transport the victim to another hospital for initial assessment and stabilization before transfer to an adult or pediatric trauma center.
- It is unsafe or medically inappropriate to transport the victim directly to an adult or pediatric trauma center due to adverse weather or ground conditions or excessive transport time.

- Transporting the victim to an adult or pediatric 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 of a patient begins, the patient requests to be taken to a particular hospital that is not a trauma center or, if the patient is less than 18 years of age or is not able to communicate, and such a request is made by an adult member of the patient's family or legal representative of the patient.

Pre-hospital Field Adult Triage

- Utilize for persons 16 and above
- Patients to be taken to nearest hospital:
  - Unstable airway
  - Blunt trauma arrest, no pulse or respirations
- All pregnant trauma patients should be transported to the nearest adult Trauma Center, unless transport time >30 minutes.

Anatomy of Injury

- All penetrating trauma to head, neck, torso, and extremities proximal to elbow and knee
- Abdominal injury with tenderness, distention, or seat belt sign
- Chest injury: Flail chest and/or tension pneumothorax
- Two or more proximal long bone fractures
- Evidence of pelvic fracture (exception: isolated hip fracture)
- Spinal cord injury with signs and symptoms of paralysis
- Burns greater than 10% Total BSA or other significant burns involving the face, feet, hands, genitals or airway
- Amputation proximal to wrist and/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 = Consider Trauma Center	NO – Assess Physiologic
Alert Trauma Team	

Physiological

- Glasgow Coma Scale (GCS) less than or equal to 13, loss of consciousness at any time greater than five minutes or alteration in level of consciousness with evidence of head injury at time of exam or thereafter, or fails to localize pain.
- Respirations < 10 or >29 or {intubation} or relief tension pneumothorax
- Pulse >120 in combination with any other physiologic criteria
- SBP < 90 or absent radial pulse with carotid pulse present

YES = Consider Trauma Center	NO = Evaluate Mechanism of Injury if high energy impact
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
- Falls > 20 feet
- High Speed Auto Crash
    - Initial 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

Special Situations

- Age > 55
- Pre-existing cardiac and/or respiratory disease
- Insulin dependent diabetes, cirrhosis, morbid obesity, seizure
- Patient with bleeding disorder or on anticoagulants
- Immuno-suppressed patients (renal dialysis, transplant, cancer, HIV)
- All pregnant trauma patients should go to the nearest adult trauma center, if within 30 minutes transport time.

YES = Consider Trauma Center	NO = To Local Hospital
May consult with Medical Control Physician (MCP)	

Multiple Trauma

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

- Place the patient in correct position to maintain the airway.
- Open pneumothorax: cover with an occlusive dressing, tape three sides down.
- 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 MCP and advise of patient condition with MIVT and ETA, and need for Trauma Team.

Head Injury

FIRST RESPONDER

- . Evaluate patient condition:
    - Level of Consciousness
    - Pupillary size and reaction
    - Glasgow Coma Scale
- Be prepared to ventilate and/or assist ventilations with oral or nasal airway and BVM or {FROPVD}.

EMT-BASIC

- Be prepared to ventilate at a rate of 20 respirations per minute (if signs of cerebral herniation are present) and/or assist ventilations with oral or nasal airway and BVM or {FROPVD}.
    - {If signs of cerebral herniation are present and quantitative (i.e., numeric) End Tidal CO_2 ($EtCO_2$) readings are available, ventilate at a rate to maintain $EtCO_2$ readings at approximately 30 mmHg (30 torr)}.
    - Blown or unequal pupil(s), bradycardia, posturing, and decreased mental status.

GLASGOW COMA SCALE

		GCS
EYES	SPONTANEOUSLY	4
	TO VERBAL COMMAND	3
	TO PAIN	2
	NO RESPONSE	1
BEST	ORIENTED & CONVERSES	5
VERBAL	DISORIENTED & CONVERSES	4
RESPONSE	INAPPROPRIATE WORDS	3
	INCOMPREHENSIBLE SOUNDS	2
	NO RESPONSE	1
BEST	OBEYS VERBAL COMMAND	6
MOTOR	PURPOSEFUL MOVEMENT TO PAIN	5
RESPONSE	WITHDRAWAL	4
	FLEXION	3
	EXTENSION	2
	NO RESPONSE	1

Maintain good ventilation at rate of about one breath every 5-6 seconds, 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) is indicated.

An increase in the level of CO_2 (hypoventilation) promotes cerebral vasodilation and increased swelling, while lowering the level of CO_2 (hyperventilation) promotes cerebral vasoconstriction and cerebral ischemia. Hyperventilation causes a significant decrease in cerebral perfusion from vasoconstriction, which results in cerebral hypoxia. Thus, both hyperventilation and hypoventilation cause cerebral hypoxia and increase mortality.

The one time you may hyperventilate is cerebral herniation syndrome. 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 and 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, and/or decerebrate posturing. When this is occurring, 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 Fractures, Dislocations, Sprains

FIRST RESPONDER / EMT-BASIC

- Assess pulse, motor and sensation before/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}.

Drowning and Near Drowning

FIRST RESPONDER / EMT-BASIC

- Consider spinal immobilization.
- Consider hypothermia.
- Evaluate neurological status.
- Near drowning patients should be transported to a trauma center.

Hypothermia with Arrest

FIRST RESPONDER

- 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. It may be beneficial to immobilize the patient on the backboard.
- Assess neurological status.
- It may be necessary to assess pulse and respirations for up to 30-45 seconds to confirm arrest.
- Consider possibility of other medical conditions (i.e. overdose, hypoglycemia)
- Hypothermic patients should be transported to a trauma center.
- If patient arrest:
    - CPR continuously
    - If severe hypothermia (<86°F (30°C)) is strongly suspected, limit defibrillation attempts to 1 except on orders from MCP.
    - If body temperature is >86°F (30°C), follow normal arrest protocols.

EMT-BASIC

- {Intubate} and oxygenate the patient with {warmed and humidified} 100% $\mathbf{O_2}$.
- Continue resuscitative efforts while in transit, even if there is no response.

Hypothermia without Arrest

FIRST RESPONDER

- Do not initiate CPR if there is any pulse present, no matter how slow.
- Rough handling and unnecessary stimulation may cause cardiac arrest.
- Minimize movement.
- Use the least invasive means possible to secure airway.

EMT-BASIC

- Consider other medical conditions (i.e. overdose, hypoglycemia, CVA)
- Transport to a trauma center.

Frostbite

FIRST RESPONDER / EMT-BASIC

- Protect injured area(s). 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. Cover burn areas with clean, dry sheets or dressings after cooling burns < 10% first.
- Remove clothing and jewelry from injured parts. Do not remove items, which have adhered to the skin.
- Inhalation injuries with 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

FIRST RESPONDER

- 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 as follows:
- Radiation burns:
    - Treat as thermal burns except when burn is contaminated with radioactive source. Then treat as Hazmat situation.
    - Consider contacting Haz-Mat team for assistance in contamination cases.

EMT-BASIC

- Inhalation Burns:
    - Provide {humidified} **O_2**.
- {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.

Heat Exposure

General Considerations

- Geriatric patients, pediatric patients and patients with a history of spinal injury or diabetes mellitus are most likely to suffer heat-related illnesses. Other contributory factors may include heart medications, diuretics, cold medications and/or psychiatric medications.
- Heat exposure can occur either 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

FIRST RESPONDER / EMT-BASIC

- Move patient to a cool environment.
- Strip the patient of clothing, cool the patient, and apply water to the skin.
- If conscious and not vomiting or extremely nauseous provide oral fluids.
- Be prepared for seizures.
- Consider other medical conditions (i.e. overdose, hypoglycemia, CVA) and treat accordingly.
- Hyperthermia patients should be transported to a trauma center.

Carbon Monoxide (CO) Poisoning

FIRST RESPONDER

- Provide high flow **O_2** to all suspected CO poisonings.

EMT-BASIC

- Pulse Oximeter will give false readings and should not be utilized.
- {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.
    - Smoke inhalation victims.
    - Pregnancy.
- Contact MCP to discuss transport considerations.

Eye Injuries

FIRST RESPONDER / EMT-BASIC

- If possible, contact lenses should be removed. Transport contacts with patient.
- Nasal cannula and IV tubing for irrigation.
- Chemical Burns:
    - Irrigate immediately with **NS** or water for a minimum of 20 minutes.
    - Determine chemical involved. Bring MSDS, if available.
- Major Eye Trauma:
    - Do not irrigate if penetrating trauma.
    - Cover injured eye. Do not use a pressure or absorbent dressing on or near any eye that may have ruptured, or have any penetrating trauma.
    - Cover both eyes to limit movement.
    - Transport with head elevated at least 30°.

{Spinal Injury Clearance}

EMT-BASIC

Spinal injury clearance may be utilized, when authorized by the Medical Director and the patient is over 16. It is critical that each step be evaluated in sequence, since the steps proceed from the least to the greatest risk for the patient. It is just as critical that the patient be manually immobilized until the evaluation is complete.

1. If patient unconscious with potential mechanism of injury: Immobilize.
2. If patient not alert, is disoriented, or has GCS < 15: Immobilize.
3. If patient had loss of consciousness: Immobilize.
4. If suspicion of ETOH or drug intoxication: Immobilize.
5. If possible acute stress reaction: Immobilize.
6. If other painful or distracting injury: Immobilize.
7. If cervical pain or other spinal column pain (patient complaint) is present: Immobilize.
8. If neurological deficit (motor or sensory): Immobilize.
9. If cervical tenderness (on palpitation) or deformity: Immobilize.
10. If pain with cervical motion: Immobilize.

If none of the above are present, personnel may opt to transport the patient without spinal immobilization. In any case where there is the slightest doubt about the possible need for spinal immobilization, the patient is to be fully and effectively immobilized.

All of the above items must be documented, and the EMS agency must have a mechanism in place for Quality Improvement monitoring of each run where this procedure is employed.

START Triage System (MCIs)

Use the **S**imple **T**riage **A**nd **R**apid **Treatment** (START) method of triage to assess a large number of victims rapidly. It can be used easily and effectively by all EMS personnel.

Procedure

- Initial Triage
  - Utilize {Triage Ribbons [color-coded strips]}. One should be tied to an upper extremity in a VISIBLE location (wrist if possible, preferably on the right).
    - RED – Immediate
    - YELLOW – Delayed
    - GREEN – Ambulatory (minor)
    - BLACK – Deceased (non-salvageable)
  - If borderline decisions are encountered, always triage to the most urgent priority (i.e., GREEN/YELLOW patient, tag YELLOW). Move as quickly as possible.
- Secondary Triage
  - Will be performed on all victims in the Treatment Area.
  - Utilize the Triage Tags (METTAGs or START tags) and attempt to assess for and complete all information required on the tag. Affix the tag to the victim and remove ribbon. This is done after patients enter the Treatment Area, not at the initial triage site!
- The Triage priority determined in the Treatment Area should be the priority used for transport.
- Locate and remove all of the walking wounded into one location away from the incident, if possible. Assign someone to keep them together (i.e., PD, FD, or initially a bystander) and notify COMMAND of their location. *Do not forget these victims.* Someone should re-triage them as soon as possible.
- Begin assessing all non-ambulatory victims where they lie, if possible. Each victim should be triaged in 60 seconds or less, preferably much less.
- Assess **RESPIRATIONS**:
  - If respiratory rate is 30/min. or less, go to PERFUSION assessment.
  - If respiratory rate is > 30/min., tag RED.
  - If victim is not breathing, open airway, remove obstructions, if seen and assess for above.
  - If victim is still not breathing, tag BLACK.
- Assess **PERFUSION**:
  - Performed by palpating a radial pulse or assessing capillary refill (CR) time.
  - If radial pulse is present or CR is two seconds or less, go to MENTAL STATUS assessment.
  - No radial pulse or CR is > two seconds, tag RED.
- Assess **Mental Status**:
  - Assess the victim's ability to follow simple commands and their orientation to time, place and person.
  - If the victim follows commands and is oriented x3, tag GREEN. NOTE: Depending on injuries (i.e., burns, fractures, bleeding), it may be necessary to tag YELLOW.
  - If the victim does not follow commands, is unconscious, or is disoriented, tag RED.

Special Considerations

- Only correction of life-threatening problems (i.e., airway obstruction or severe hemorrhage) should be managed during triage.
- To help speed the process, consider utilizing colored (Red, Yellow, Green, Black) ribbons to initially mark patient categories. Triage Tags are then attached and filled out once the patient reaches the Treatment Area.
- When using Triage Tags, if the patient's condition or the triage priority changes, the bottom portion of the tag should be removed, leaving only the injury information. Add a new tag to identify the new triage priority, and if time permits, the reason for the change.

RESPIRATORY DISTRESS

EMT-BASIC

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

Pulmonary Edema

FIRST RESPONDER

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

EMT-BASIC

- {CPAP}

Asthma/Emphysema/COPD

EMT-BASIC

- If patient develops wheezing, assist them with taking their prescribed Proventil (Albuterol) metered dose inhaler.
- ♦The patient is currently prescribed **Albuterol** Metered Dose Inhaler but has outdated, damaged, or contaminated medication on hand, or does not have their own medication with them at the time of the Emergency, the EMT-Basic may administer {**Albuterol** Metered Dose Inhaler} only
- Transport immediately, unless an ALS unit is en route and has an ETA of less than 5 minutes

ALTERED LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS: Diabetic or Unknown Cause

EMT-BASIC

- 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, disconnect patient from the pump or "suspend" the device if you are familiar with its operation.
  - Maintain normothermia.

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

DIABETIC EMERGENCIES: Refusal of Treatment

FIRST RESPONDER / EMT-BASIC

- 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, if possible.
  - Follow normal patient refusal procedures.

<u>Note:</u> Ensure that the EMS Coordinator of the hospital that replaces your Supplies receives a copy of the run sheet for his/her records.

ALLERGIC REACTION/ANAPHYLAXIS

FIRST RESPONDER

- If severe allergic reaction, assist patient in **administering {Epi-Pe**n} if patient has his/her medication.

EMT-BASIC

- ♦If patient is currently prescribed Epi-Pen, but has outdated, damaged, or contaminated medication or does not have their own medication with them at the time of the emergency, the EMT-B may access the BLS Drug Bag for **Epi-Pen only on orders from** MCP. The EMT-B may not administer Epi-Pen to a patient that is not currently prescribed Epi-Pen or epinephrine.
- IF MEDICATION IS NOT AVAILABLE – Transport immediately, unless ALS unit is en route and has an ETA of less than 5 minutes. Contact MCP.
- If patient develops wheezing, assist them with taking their prescribed Proventil (Albuterol) metered dose inhaler.
- ♦The patient is currently prescribed **Albuterol** Metered Dose Inhaler but has outdated, damaged, or contaminated medication on hand, or does not have their own medication with them at the time of the Emergency, the EMT-Basic may administer {**Albuterol** Metered Dose Inhaler}
- If applicable, apply {ice pack} and/or constricting band.

Assisting with Epi-Pen:

When assisting patient with severe allergic reaction with his/her own prescribed Epi-Pen, do the following:

- Assure medication is prescribed for patient
- Check medication for expiration date.
- Contact MCP, if possible.
- Administer medication in mid-thigh and hold injector firmly against leg for at least ten (10) seconds to assure all medication is injected.
- Record patient reaction to medication and relay to MCP – be sure to have vital signs.

SEIZURES

FIRST RESPONDER

- BVM and nasopharyngeal airway *during* seizure as needed.

EMT-BASIC

- 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, disconnect patient from the pump or "suspend" the device if you are familiar with its operation.
    - Maintain normothermia.

When obtaining history be sure to include the following:

- *Description of seizures, areas of body involved, and duration*
- *Other known medical history; i.e. head injury, diabetes, drugs, alcohol, stroke, heart disease.*

OVERDOSE

FIRST RESPONDER

- Manage Airway, gather appropriate history
- Thorough search for source substance

EMT-BASIC

- {Glucometer}
- Ingested Poison
    - Transport container and / or remaining medication to the hospital with the patient.

HAZ-MAT

Contact receiving hospital immediately to allow for set up of decontamination equipment. If substance is determined, notify receiving facility as early as possible.

Important steps in field decontamination:

- Remove contaminated clothing.
- Thoroughly wash with {Dawn}, paying special attention to skin folds and other areas where simple irrigation may not remove it.
- Do not transport a patient until gross decontamination is completed.
- Obtain permission from hospital personnel before entering hospital with a potentially contaminated patient and/or crew.
- Consider decontamination of vehicle prior to leaving.

Field decontamination must be initiated. An example of the often overlooked importance of decon is a patient soaked in diesel fuel. Diesel fuel can cause chemical burns when left in contact with the skin.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has made recommendations about antidotes for MCI, including the following:

- It is likely that a terrorist attack would utilize materials that could be stolen or purchased in the U.S., rather than importing weapons such as Nerve Gas. Improvised weapons could include cyanide stolen from industry, or organophosphates, which have essentially the same effect as Nerve Agents, yet can be purchased inexpensively. In spite of what is commonly believed, many people exposed to cyanide, organophosphates, or Nerve Gas are potentially salvageable.
- It is critically important that the antidotes be given as quickly as possible.
- Atropine is the most important drug to be given rapidly for organophosphate or nerve agent poisons, and often the patients need repeated doses of Atropine.
- CDC recommends that suspected victims of cyanide poisoning in MCIs should be treated with Oxygen,.
- EMS agencies in major cities should be prepared to deal with at least 500 - 1,000 casualties from either cyanide or organophosphates/Nerve Agents, and thus should deploy antidotes on prehospital apparatus.

Guidelines for Dealing With Exposure To Hazardous Drug

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
- PPE should be worn whenever there is a risk of hazardous drug being released into the environment. For EMS personnel, the situations might include:
  - 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
  - Additional situations apply to healthcare workers who mix and administer hazardous drugs

- Guidelines for PPE:
  - Gloves: disposable, powder-free, latex or nitrile. Double gloves are recommended. Change gloves immediately after each use, if a tear, puncture, or drug spill occurs; or after 30 minutes of wear
  - Gowns: disposable, lint-free, low-permeability fabric. Solid front, long-sleeves, tight cuffs, back closure. Inner glove cuffs should be worn under the gown cuffs and the outer glove cuffs should extend over the gown cuffs
  - Respirators: Wear a NIOSH-approved respirator mask when cleaning hazardous drug spills. Surgical masks do not provide adequate protection
  - Eye and face protection: wear a face shield whenever there is a possibility of splashing
- Body Fluids – use universal (standard) precautions when handling the blood, emesis, or excretions of patient who has received IV or oral chemotherapy within the previous 48 hours.
- Accidental skin exposure: Remove contaminated garments, place in leakproof plastic bag, and immediately wash contaminated skin with soap and water. Rinse thoroughly. Report to physician for examination and documentation.

- Accidental eye exposure: immediately flush eye with saline solution or water for at least 15 minutes. Report to for examination and documentation.
- Contaminated Linen/Clothing – place linens in a plastic bag. Wash items twice in hot water, separately from other items. (Hospital linens are placed in a bag labeled "contaminated linen" and pre-washed before being added to other linen.)
- Spills, contaminated equipment: DO NOT touch the spill with bare hands. Post a sign or warn others to prevent spread of contamination and others from being exposed. Wipe up liquids with an absorbent pad or spill-control pillow. Clean the spill area from most contaminated to least contaminated three times, using a detergent solution followed by clean water. Rinse thoroughly.
- Disposal of hazardous drugs and materials contaminated with hazardous drugs - place items in a sealable, leakproof plastic bag or rigid cytoxic waste container marked with a brightly-colored label that cites the hazardous nature of the contents. Dispose of needles and syringes intact – DO NOT break or recap needles or crush syringes.
- Report and document spills as required (consider EPA, OSHA, and Regional/local HazMat team if more than 5 mL)

Who should you call for more help? (the patient should have these phone numbers)

- the homecare agency that is supplying/monitoring the infusion
- the physician who ordered the infusion (usually a medical oncologist)
- ask for pharmacy support from a hospital, if necessary (there should be a label on the IV bag with the name of the drug and the dosage/concentration)
- Consult with the Regional HazMat team (or local HazMat team for areas outside the Dayton area)

Haz-Mat: Hydrofluoric Acid (HF)

FIRST RESPONDER / EMT-BASIC

- Deaths have been reported after burns involving < 3% Body Surface Area. Assure safety of all personnel!
- Begin decon immediately, as soon as it can be accomplished without putting EMS personnel at risk! Strip the patient of any clothing, which may be contaminated.
- Irrigate the chemical burn with water as quickly as possible. DON'T DELAY IRRIGATION/DECON! Continue to flush affected skin and eyes with copious amounts of water or **Saline** for at least 30 minutes.
- If ingested, do not induce vomiting. Dilute with water or milk.

Hazmat: Cyanide

FIRST RESPONDER

- In any case of known or strongly suspected cyanide intoxication including smoke inhalation, utilize the following:
  - Evaluate ABCs, treat accordingly
  - If in cardiac arrest defibrillation{AED}

EMT-BASIC

- {Intubation}if in cardiac arrest

Hazmat: Organophosphate or Nerve Agent Posioning (MCI Only)

- Any case of known or strong suspected organophosphate or carbamate (i.e., insecticides such as parathion or malathion); or nerve agent (i.e., Tabun, Sarin, Soman, VX, etc.) exposure, symptoms may include miosis (pinpoint pupils), rhinorrhea (runny nose), copious secretions, localized sweating, nausea, vomiting, weakness, seizures, dyspnea, loss of consciousness, apnea, diarrhea, flaccid paralysis and cardiac arrest.
- Patients with severe poisoning may or may not be bradycardic.
- ♦ **Atropine** 1 - 2 mg. every 3-5 minutes, as available until lungs are clear to auscultation. **Atropine** may be given by **Mark I** auto-injector.#1.
    - Atropine 1 - 2 mg by Autoinjector **2 mg**, for adults and children weighing over 90 pounds.
    - Children weighing 40 - 90 pounds should be given Atropen **1.0 mg** auto- injector.
    - Children weighing less than 40 pounds should be given Atropen **0.5 mg** auto- injector.
- ♦ **Pralidoxime 600 mg IM (2-PAM)** should follow **Atropine, from slot 2 of Mark I auto- injector**
- In some cases, the Mark I Kits have been replaced by "**DuoDotes**". **DuoDotes** have the same drugs as Mark I Kits, but administered through a single auto- injector.
- ♦Treat seizures with **Diazepam (CANA) Auto- injector**.
- **In a MCI, contact 866-599-LERP and request a CHEMPACK, AND contact 937-333-USAR and request additional Nerve Agent Antidotes**

In the event of a large MCI involving WMD such as Cyanide or Nerve Agents, contact MCP, and request an "Antidote free" order, allowing you to treat all of the patients on the scene with the appropriate antidote. Calling for separate orders for each individual patient is utterly impractical. Multi-dose vials or Atropine have been added to the Drug Box. However, Squads must carry syringes and needles for administering the Atropine.

Departments are authorized to {stockpile large quantities of Atropine and supplies (syringes, needles, etc.), as well as 2-PAM, if desired on selected units. The stockpiles can also be in the form of auto-injectors, such as the Mark I kits or DuoDotes. Auto-injectors can be quite expensive, but enough atropine in multi-dose vials for an initial dose of Atropine for between 200 and 400 patients, with syringes, needles and alcohol preps, for example, is very inexpensive}.

Administering the Nerve Agent Antidote Auto-Injector Kit (Mark I)

When first responder arrives on a scene potentially contaminated with nerve agents, s/he must don appropriate PPE. If symptoms of nerve agent exposure manifest:

1. Remove Mark I kit from protective pouch.
2. Hold unit by plastic clip.
3. Remove AtroPen from slot number 1 of the plastic clip. The yellow safety cap will remain in the clip and the AtroPen will now be armed. Do not hold unit by green tip. The needle ejects from the green tip.
4. Grasp the unit and position the green tip of the AtroPen on victim's outer thigh.
5. Push firmly until auto-injector fires.
6. Hold in place for **10 seconds** to ensure Atropine has been properly delivered.
7. Remove Pralidoxime (2-PAM) Combo Pen from slot number 2 of the plastic clip. The gray safety cap will remain in the clip and the Combo Pen will now be armed. Do not hold the unit by the black tip. The needle ejects from the black tip.
8. Grasp the unit and position the black tip of the Combo Pen on victim's outer thigh.
9. Push firmly until auto-injector fires.
10. Hold in place for **10 seconds** to ensure Pralidoxime has been properly delivered.
11. If nerve agent symptoms are still present after **15 minutes**, repeat injections. If symptoms still exist after an additional **15 minutes**, repeat injections for a third time. If after the third set of injections, symptoms remain, do not give any more antidotes but seek medial help.

Recommended Auto-injector Site:

Anterolateral Thigh

CHEMPACKS and Other Resources for Mass Casualty Incidents (MCI)

In addition to our "WMD" medications in the GMVEMSC Drug Bags, there are now additional resources for use in MCIs. Among those resources are **CHEMPACKS: containers with enough antidotes to treat roughly 500 victims,** placed by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in hospitals around the nation.

The Ohio Region 2 Regional Physician Advisory Board (**RPAB**), in concert with the Dayton Metropolitan Medical Response System (DMMRS), Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association Domestic Preparedness Committee, GMVEMSC, and others, has developed a "Deployment Protocol" for preparation, transport, training, and usage of CHEMPACKS in the West Central Ohio Region. This protocol has been revised to be compliant with the newly enacted State of Ohio CHEMPACK PLAN.

All EMS personnel must now know how to recognize the use of chemical agents, when to utilize antidotes, and how they are administered. Ohio Law and Region 2 EMS Standing Orders now permit EMT-Intermediates, EMT-Basics, and First Responders to utilize WMD auto-injectors in an MCI. They must also understand the process for using the CHEMPACK agents. A training video on signs, symptoms, and the CHEMPACK protocol is being produced and distributed. **Personnel must further understand that the CHEMPACK agents are antidotes used to treat symptomatic patients; they are not to be given prophylactically (i.e., to persons who do not have symptoms).**

CHEMPACKS contain three drugs:

- Atropine (which blocks the effects of excess acetylcholine at its site of action);
- Pralidoxime Chloride (2-PAM) (which reactivates acetylcholinesterase and therefore reduces the levels of acetylcholine); and
- Diazepam (which lessens the severity of convulsions that can contribute).

There are two types of CHEMPACKS: Hospital and EMS. Both contain **the same drugs**. The difference between the two is the ratio of drug packaging: auto-injectors to multi-dose vials. Hospital CHEMPACKS have more multi-dose vials to permit precise dosing of children and patients requiring prolonged treatment. EMS CHEMPACKS have more auto-injectors to ease administration at the site, and by personnel wearing high levels of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

There are five types of auto-injectors in CHEMPACKS. All five work just like the Epi-pens you are already familiar with.

- 0.5 mg Atropens – Pediatric dose of Atropine (< 40 pounds)
- 1.0 mg Atropens – Pediatric dose of Atropine (40 – 90 pounds)
- Mark 1 Kits containing a 2 mg Atropine auto-injector, and another auto-injector with 2-PAM (> 90 pounds)
- CANA's – (which believe it or not, stands for "Convulsive Antidote, Nerve Agent") containing 10 mg Diazepam (Valium) for treating convulsions

The RPAB also developed a series of Job Aids, which will be distributed to all EMS agencies and hospitals in our region. "Job Aid" is NIMS-terminology for a step-by-step checklist. There are CHEMPACK Job Aids for Incident Commanders, EMS Branch Directors, Dispatchers, public safety personnel who transport CHEMPACK Antidotes, hospital personnel, and MCPs.

To request a CHEMPACK, EMS or hospitals simply contact the Ohio Joint Dispatch Facility at **866-599-LERP (5377).** 866-599-LERP will notify the closest CHEMPACK hospital and dispatch an OSP Trooper or other Law Enforcement agency to pick up the contents of the CHEMPACK, and deliver it to a Staging Location designated by you. You must advise **866-599-LERP** that the incident meets **both** of the following criteria:

- A large number (50 or more) of confirmed or potential adult or pediatric patients **AND**
- Either a Nerve agent/Organophosphate was identified **or** there are patients exhibiting signs or symptoms consistent with exposure to a nerve agent

CHEMPACK antidotes are only useful against nerve agents or chemical pesticides. There is no provision for biological releases, cyanide incidents, etc. Furthermore, CHEMPACKS may **only** be utilized when other resources (antidotes in regional Drug Boxes and area hospitals) are inadequate for the number of victims.

However, our region does have other resources for Cyanide and Biological Incidents. In addition to the drugs in regional Drug Bags, all area hospitals have antidotes. More than that, EMS can access regional WMD Drug Caches for MCIs by calling the "Regional Rescue Coordination Center" at **937-333-USAR (8727)**. You will see that information listed in the Job Aids. Contact 333-USAR when you need additional antidotes for Cyanide, Nerve Agent, or Organophosphate MCIs.

If a hospital opens its own CHEMPACK, it also must notify 866-599-LERP, so they are aware the resources are not available for use elsewhere. Hospital CHEMPACKS have been partitioned into thirds. Each third is marked with colored dots (Red, Blue, and Yellow). Hospitals keep at least the materials with the Yellow dots for potential use at the Storing Hospital.

The information following is excerpted from the RPAB Region 2 CHEMPACK Job Aids:

Mnemonic for Signs & Symptoms of Nerve Agents or Organophosphates: SLUDGEMM	
	Salivation — **G**astrointestinal upset **L**acrimation — **E**mesis **U**rination — **M**uscle twitching **D**efecation — **M**iosis (abnormally constricted pupils)
Initial Actions:	
	Personnel safety (Distance, Uphill/Upwind, PPE, etc.)
	Call for additional resources (Medic Units, Engines for personnel/resources/Decon, **Haz-Mat**, Law Enforcement, etc.)
	Consider potential for secondary devices
	DECON!
	Antidotes in ALS Drug Bags and/or County Caches: • Mark I Kits or DuoDotes • Atropine • Oxygen • CANA for seizures (Diazepam Autoinjectors) • Diazepam or Midazolam for seizures **Note: First Responders, EMT-B's, and EMT-I's may only administer O2 and Autoinjector WMD Drugs**
Contact Medical Control	
	Provide the following information: ▪ Estimated number of confirmed or potential adult and pediatric patients ▪ Signs and symptoms exhibited by the patients ▪ Name and/or identification information of the nerve agent if known ▪ Form of the released nerve agent (liquid, gas, etc.) if known ▪ Routes of exposure of the patients (percutaneous, inhalation, ingestion, etc.) if known ▪ Additional anticipated decontamination needs if necessary
Incident Is Appropriate for CHEMPACK Utilization <u>IF</u> BOTH of the following are present:	
	• A large number (50 or more) of confirmed or potential adult or pediatric patients **<u>AND</u>** • Nerve agent/Organophosphate identified or Patients are exhibiting signs or symptoms consistent with an exposure to a nerve agent
	If incident is less than 50 victims, or involves cyanide or bio agents, contact 937-333-USAR and request antidotes. **If incident does meet the criteria in the box above, immediately have your Dispatch contact the Ohio Joint Dispatch Facility at 1-866-599-LERP, and request CHEMPACK deployment to the scene. Simultaneously, contact 937-333-USAR and request additional Nerve Agent Antidotes.**
Receive CHEMPACK from Transporting Law Enforcement Agency	
	Sign the "**CHEMPACK CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE TRANSFER FORM"** and receive copy
	Obtain authorization **from MCP to administer** CHEMPACK antidotes.
	To avoid the need for numerous calls to MCP in a MCI, request an "Antidote Free" order, allowing you to treat all patients on the scene ▪ Region 2 EMS personnel need authorization from a MCP to administer CHEMPACK drugs, as well as cyanide antidotes. ▪ Calling for separate orders for each individual patient is impractical. ▪ This terminology ("Antidote Free") has been adopted from law enforcement and the military for this type of medical scenario. It is a blanket order to allow EMS to treat Mass Casualty victims as needed. "Weapons free" (as opposed to weapons tight) is a weapon control order whereby weapons systems may be fired at any target not positively recognized as friendly.

Once Authorized, Administer Antidotes to Patients as Needed	
	Antidote dosing and administration of treatment (field, transport, and hospital): ♦ Administer **Atropine (Atropine Sulfate) 2 mg**. every 3 - 5 minutes, as available until lungs are clear to auscultation. **Atropine** may be given by **Mark I or DuoDote** auto-injector ➢ Atropine 2 mg Auto-injector, for adults and children weighing over 90 pounds ➢ Children weighing 40 - 90 pounds should be given the Atropen **1 mg** auto-injector ➢ Children weighing less than 40 pounds should be given the Atropen **0.5 mg** auto-injector ♦ Follow Atropine with **Pralidoxime (2-PAM),** 600 mg IM, **which is Mark I auto-injector Item 2 for older children and adults** If **DuoDote** was used, no second auto-injector is needed. ♦Treat any seizures with **{Diazepam (CANA) Auto-injector}**
	Rules of Thumb: • Mild to moderate cases should be treated with one or two doses of Atropine and 2-PAM • Severe doses will generally require repeating every 5 minutes up to 3 doses • Organophosphate poisonings will require more Atropine (> 3 Mark I Kits or 3 DuoDotes) than Nerve Agent poisonings, but no more 2-PAM than the 3 Mark I's or DuoDotes • Atropine in these circumstances is **not** for bradycardia, which may or may not be present • Primary endpoints for treatment are diminished airway secretions, hypoxia improves, airway resistance decreases, and dyspnea improves
	Provide all needed Supportive Care (ventilation, eye/skin/oral care, etc.)
	Monitor all patients for delayed or recurring effects
After Incident is Resolved	
	Return all unused treatment supplies to the Hospital which supplied the CHEMPACK. Properly dispose of all Medical Waste
MCP:	
	Must authorize use of any WMD Antidotes (CHEMPACK or Drug Bag) by EMS personnel
	Must understand that inappropriate CHEMPACK opening will result in loss of a $250,000 asset. (As soon as CHEMPACK is opened, the drugs become ineligible for the Shelf Life Extension Program. If CHEMPACK is opened contrary to guidelines, the **antidotes will not be replaced** by CDC.)

Hazmat: Biologicals

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Hazmat: Pepper Spray

FIRST RESPONDER / EMT-BASIC

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

ABDOMINAL PAIN

FIRST RESPONDER / EMT-BASIC

- Use inspection, auscultation and palpation to assess the patient with abdominal pain.
- Assess and document pain using the PQRST acronym:
  - 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
        - When did it begin?
        - How often does it occur?
        - Was the onset sudden or gradual?
- Pregnant patients of any age ≥ 20 weeks gestation should be taken to maternity department; < 20 weeks should go to the emergency department.

OBSTETRICAL EMERGENCIES

FIRST RESPONDER / EMT-BASIC

- 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 with you 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

FIRST RESPONDER / EMT-BASIC

- Precipitating events for cardiac arrest include: Pulmonary embolism, trauma, hemorrhage or 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 wedge (pillow) under the right abdominal flank and hip.
- Administer chest compressions slightly higher on the sternum than normal.

Third Trimester Bleeding

FIRST RESPONDER / EMT-BASIC

- 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

- Unless delivery is imminent, transport to a hospital with obstetrical capabilities. Imminent delivery is when 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 a prolapsed umbilical cord.
- During delivery, gentle pressure with a flat hand on the baby's head should be applied to prevent an explosive delivery.
- Separate run reports must be completed for each patient. The newborn is a separate patient from the mother.

Specific Care
FIRST RESPONDER / EMT-BASIC

- 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 and possible complications, and drug use.
- After delivery, keep infant warm.
- Cut the umbilical cord, then place the baby to suckle at the mother's breast.
- Obtain one and five minute APGAR scores if time and patient condition permits.

NOTE: Fundal Height refers to the level of the upper part of the uterus. Fundal height changes as the uterus enlarges during the course of pregnancy. You can palpate the top of the uterus and get a general idea of the weeks of gestation by relating fundal height with anatomical landmarks of the mother.

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

APGAR scores at 1 minute, and 5 minutes post delivery

	0	1	2
Heart rate	Absent	Slow (< 100)	> 100
Resp. effort	Absent	Slow or Irregular	Good crying
Muscle tone	Limp	Some flexion of extremities	Active motion
Response to catheter in nostril	No response	Grimace	Cough or sneeze
Color	Blue or pale	Body pink; extremities blue	Completely pink

NEWBORN CARE & RESUSCITATION

General Considerations

- As soon as the baby is born, dry, warm, maintain airway.
  - Place in the sniffing position (1" towel under shoulders).
  - Suction infant until all secretions are clear of airway.
- If the newborn delivers with meconium-stained amniotic fluid and is vigorous, with strong respirations, good muscle tone, and heart rate > 100 BPM, suction the mouth and nose in the same way as for infants with clear fluid.
- 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.
- Mechanical suction may be used on infants, but only if the suction pressure does not exceed 100 mmHg or 136 cm H_2O. Bulb suctioning is preferred.
- If drying and suctioning has not provided enough tactile stimulation, try flicking the infant's feet and/or rubbing the infant's back. If this stimulation does not improve the infant's breathing, then BVM may be necessary.
- Avoid direct application of cool oxygen to infant's facial area as may cause respiratory depression due to a strong mammalian dive reflex immediately after birth.
- Use length/weight-based resuscitation tape (i.e., Broselow Tape).

Specific Care

FIRST RESPONDER / EMT-BASIC

- After delivery of the infant, assess the airway and breathing while drying and positioning head down.
- If HR <100, BVM ventilation is necessary to increase heart rate.
    - Ventilation is also indicated for apnea and/or persistent central cyanosis.
    - Ventilate at 40-60/min.
    - Despite adequate ventilation, if HR <60 begin CPR.
        - Compress at 120/min. (Compression to Ventilation ratio of 3:1)
- If spontaneous HR absent or <60 despite adequate ventilation and stimulation:
    - Compress at 120/min. (Compression to Ventilation ratio of 3:1)

Delivery Complications

FIRST RESPONDER / EMT-BASIC

- Place mother on O_2 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 appendage(s) 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 the cord, distribute pressure evenly if/when occiput presents.
    - Do not attempt to reinsert cord.

PSYCHIATRIC EMERGENCIES

FIRST RESPONDER / EMT-BASIC

- For violent or non-compliant patients, consider staging until police have assured scene safety
- Have patient searched for weapons
- Obtain previous mental health history:
    - Suicidal or violent history
    - Previous psychiatric hospitalization, when and where
    - Location that patient receives mental health care
    - 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/or threats to the health and well being of others are not considered rational.

Per Ohio Revised Code 5122.01 and 5122.10, an EMTB, I or P may not "pink slip" an individual (transport a person to the hospital against their will for mental health evaluation) who is alert and oriented even if they are threatening harm to themselves or others. Only a health officer (such as a police officer, crisis worker, psychiatrist, licensed physician) can "pink slip" a person. The GMVEMSC strongly recommends that your fire/EMS department, in consultation with your medical director/advisor and local law enforcement, have a procedure to deal with these types of situations.

Violent Patients

There are times when a "pink slip" or Involuntary Committal Form should be used. This REQUIRES coordination with and support from on scene law enforcement or health department officials, physician, or psychiatrist to "pink slip". Consult local rules, laws, policies, and / or guidelines.

- Determine patient competency and consent. Consider a patient may be incapable ~~incompetent~~ to make medical decisions if they are:
    - Suicidal
    - Confused
    - Severely developmentally or mentally disabled and injured/ill
    - Intoxicated and injured/ill with an altered mental status
    - Physically/verbally hostile
    - Unconscious
- Consider medical causes for patient's condition
- Consider staging until police have assured scene safety
- Have patient searched for weapons
- Do not transport restrained patients in a prone position with the hands and feet behind the back or sandwiched between backboards or other items.
- Recheck a restrained patient's ability to breathe often
- Have the ability to remove/cut restraints if the patient vomits or develops respiratory distress
- Explain the need for restraint to the patient
- Document the restraints used and on which limbs and your justification for the restraints thoroughly

ELDER ABUSE NEGLECT

FIRST RESPONDER / EMT-BASIC

- You MUST, by law, report all alleged or suspected adult abuse or neglect to the appropriate agency. Ohio Revised Code 2151.42 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.**

- Hospitals have copies of the EMS Social Services Referral Form, supplied by GDAHA, for documenting cases of abuse. Use this form to provide information to the appropriate agency and so the receiving hospital social services staff can provide a continuum of care. GDAHA (228-1000 or www.gdaha.org) can also send this form to your department to have on hand.

- White copy of the form – send to the appropriate agency (as well as call)
- Yellow copy of the form – leave with the hospital records
- Pink copy of the form – retain with your department EMS report

- Document on your run sheet or an addendum if you fill out a Social Services Referral form or if you inform local law enforcement concerning the abuse / neglect. Include the names of the personnel at the protective services or law enforcement agency that you 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	Contact County SO (937) 348)-548-2020	(937) 548-4928
Greene	(937) 562-6000	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

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PEDIATRIC
2008

(Patients Age Under 16)

Effective January 1, 2008

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 a(n):
  - First Responder
  - EMT-Basic
- This protocol is to be used in the field only. Communications must be attempted as soon as practical for potentially unstable patients or 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 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 EMT-Basics include those listed under the First Responder 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 can use appropriate confirmation devices ($EtCO_2$ detectors or monitors, and/or Esophageal Detection Devices).
- *Infrequently*, unusual patient situations and multiple complaints with competing priorities may prevent stepwise adherence to a specific section of this protocol. However, at no time should treatment options exceed those authorized here in without direct consultation with medical control. In all such cases, contact with medical control should be considered when logistically feasible.

ADMINISTRATION

Non-Initiation of Care

- Resuscitation will not be initiated in the following circumstances:
  - Burned beyond recognition
  - Decapitation
  - Deep, penetrating, cranial injuries
  - Massive truncal wounds
  - DNR Order - present and valid
  - Frozen body
  - Hemicorporectomy (body cut in half)
  - Rigor mortis, tissue decomposition, or severe dependent post-mortem lividity
  - Triage demands
  - Blunt trauma found in cardiac arrest *unless* one of the following conditions are present:
    - Patient can be delivered to an emergency department in 5 minutes.
    - If the arrest is caused by a medical condition.
    - Focused blunt trauma to the chest (such as a baseball to the chest).
  - 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.

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INITIAL CARE

- Follow basic life support and airway algorithms as indicated.
- Obtain chief complaint (OPQRST), SAMPLE history, and vital signs per patient condition.
- Utilize monitoring device {pulse oximeter, etc.**}** as appropriate.
- ♦ In a patient with an existing IV pump who is experiencing an allergic reaction, the pump may only be discontinued after receiving approval from MCP. Otherwise, the IV pump must be maintained. Exception: hypoglycemic diabetic patients with an insulin pump (see "Maintenance of Existing Medication Pumps" section for details)
- Bring the patient's medications, or a list of the medications, with the patient to the hospital. When supplying the hospitals with documentation of patient medications, be certain to include the dose, and frequency of administration.

Note: Take extra tubing and medication packet(s) to receiving facility with patient, if available.

AIRWAY MAINTENANCE

FIRST RESPONDER

- **O_2** as needed. Use the following rates as guidelines:
  - **2 LPM by NC** for patient with known congenital heart defects.
  - **4 - 6 LPM by NC** for other patients.
  - **12 - 15 LPM by NRB** for severe trauma patients, distressed cardiac patients, patients with respiratory distress, and other patients who appear to need high flow **O_2**.

  <u>NOTE:</u> Congenital heart defect patients in severe respiratory distress or with chest pain need the same O_2 devices and flow rates as any other patient in such condition. Be prepared to stimulate breathing and/or ventilate should the patient become apneic.

- Consider BVM if airway compromise or insufficient ventilations are present.

EMT-BASIC

- {Intubate} if pulseless and apneic
- Consider patient airway anatomy and condition for the appropriate selection of the proper airway adjunct.
    - If approved, adjuncts considered "rescue airways" such as the LMA or Dual Lumen Airways may be appropriate for a primary airway device.
- Confirm correct placement of advanced airway with clinical assessment and devices.

Respiratory Rates by Age	
Up to 1year	**30-60**
1 – 3 years	**20-40**
4 – 6 years	**20-30**
7 – 9 years	**16-24**
10 – 14 years	**16-20**
15+ years	**12-20**

Assessment Methods:

- Physical assessment including auscultation of the epigastrium, anterior chest, midaxillary areas, then the epigastrium again.
- Repeat visualization of the tube between the vocal cords.
- Condensation in the tube.
- Proper depth placement of tracheal tube in the pediatric patient can be calculated by the following formula: Depth of Insertion (marking on tube at teeth or gum line) = tube size x 3.

Confirmation Devices:

- {$EtCO_2$ Monitor}
- {$EtCO_2$ with waveform}
- {Esophageal Detection Device (EDD)}

Electronic End Tidal CO_2 ($EtCO_2$) Monitors - Capnography

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 samples the ventilation more remotely from the patient. Capnography can be used with patients who are not intubated. In-line $EtCO_2$ monitors can be used on patient with or without adequate perfusion. Electronic monitors are more sensitive therefore changes can be seen in real-time.

Esophageal Detector Device (EDD)

These devices confirm tube placement mechanically. It is based on the principle that the esophagus is a collapsible tube, while the trachea is rigid. An EDD looks like a bulb syringe. Collapse the bulb first and then place the device on the end of the ETT. As the bulb tries to refill with air, it creates suction. If the tube is in the esophagus, the soft tissues will collapse around the holes in the ETT preventing expansion of the bulb. When the bulb does not refill (or refills very slowly), the tube is presumed to be in the esophagus. If the tube is in the trachea there is nothing to occlude the movement of air. The bulb will rapidly refill, indicating that the ETT is properly placed.

Limitations:

- A large amount of gastric air (i.e. caused by carbonated beverage, aggressive ventilations, misplacement of ETT) and late term pregnancy can give a false positive finding
- A cold device may give a false negative result. (If the rubber bulb is stiff from the cold, it will fail to fill with air. The ETT will seem to be in the esophagus, when it is actually in the trachea).
- Cannot be used continuously. It must be removed after confirmation, though you may reuse it after patient movement.
- May only be used on pediatric patients who are older than 5 years of age and weigh at least 20kg/44 pounds.

Indications for Various Intubation Confirmation Devices

	Oral ETT	Pulseless Pt.	Apneic Patient
Electronic Waveform $EtCO_2$	Useful	Useful	Useful
EDD	Useful	Useful	Useful

NOTE: Intubation is not permitted unless at least one of these devices is utilized.

- Always secure the ET tube in place as effectively as possible, preferably with a commercial tube-securing device.
- Cervical collar is effective in maintaining patient's head in a neutral position.
- Re-assess ET tube placement every time the patient is moved.
- {Dual Lumen Airways (i.e., Combitube, Pharyngotracheal Lumen Airway (PtL), or a Laryngeal Mask Airway (LMA), are acceptable airway devices and satisfy the "rescue airway". Use of these devices is limited to patients who are in cardiac arrest
- If routine ventilation procedures are unsuccessful, try to visualize obstruction with laryngoscope. If foreign body is seen, attempt to remove it using suction, if possible.

Maintenance Of Existing IV Pumps

Do not stop the flow of medication unless you receive direct orders from MCP. There are some drugs, such as Flolan that could kill the patient if stopped. If you think the patient is experiencing an allergic reaction, call MCP. A possible reason for MCP to have you shut off the pump would be a patient having an allergic reaction who is receiving a new antibiotic being administered IV with the pump.

♦*NOTE: The exception is a diabetic patient with an Insulin Pump who is hypoglycemic as confirmed by a blood glucose monitor. If you are NOT familiar with the device, disconnect the tubing from the pump (first choice) or remove needle assembly from the patient (second choice). Do NOT turn off the pump. You may hit the wrong button and, inadvertently bolus the patient with a large amount of Insulin. If you are familiar with the device it is permissible to "Suspend" the administration of Insulin.*

Further info: http://www.ems.ohio.gov/policies/boardpolicypts%20preexisitingmedicaldevices.pdf

CARDIOVASCULAR EMERGENCIES

General Conditions

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

CARDIAC ARREST: Basic Life Support

FIRST RESPONDER / EMT-BASIC

- Assess patient for respiratory and cardiac arrest
- Initiate CPR and {AED/Defibrillator} using most current American Heart Association Guidelines
- Compressions should be at a rate of about 100 per minute
- Transport patient as appropriate
- Consider treatable causes

NOTE: Current AEDs may not be programmed to the current AHA Guidelines. Utilize AED as it is programmed. AEDs are to be used only on patient over 1 year of age. If available, use AEDs or pads which are designed for pediatric use for children 1 – 8 years of age.

Suspected Cardiac Chest Pain

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

CARDIAC DYSRHYTHMIAS

Bradycardia

FIRST RESPONDER / EMT-BASIC

- For adequate perfusion, observe, monitor, and apply oxygen if needed.
- For poor perfusion,
  - Perform CPR if HR <60/min

Tachycardia

EMT-BASIC

Transport immediately unless ALS intercept is < 5 minutes

Non-Traumatic Shock

FIRST RESPONDER / EMT-BASIC

Without Pulmonary Edema

(No JVD, edema, or rales noted)

- Transport if ALS > 5 minutes.

Exsanguating Hemorrhage (Medical / Non Traumatic in Nature)

- Transport if ALS > 5 minutes.

TRAUMA EMERGENCIES

General Considerations

- 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, per destination protocols.
- 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.
- Document Glasgow Coma Scale including the individual components.
- Hypothermia is a significant, and frequent, problem in shock and major trauma patients. Maintain patient's body temperature.
- If patient condition changes, notify hospital back.
- When patient is transported by helicopter, the EMS run sheet should be faxed to receiving Trauma Center.
- The *only* procedures that should take precedence to transport of Major Trauma patients are:
  - Extrication
  - Airway Management
  - Stabilization of neck/back or obvious femur and pelvic fractures on a backboard
  - Exsanguinating Hemorrhage Control

Exsanguinating Hemorrhage

FIRST RESPONDER / EMT-BASIC

- Control external bleeding with direct pressure, elevation, pressure points, etc.
- Treat for hypovolemic shock as indicated.

Triage and Transport Guidelines

Concepts

- After the trauma patient's extrication, the on-scene time should be limited to 10 minutes or less, except when there are extenuating circumstances.
- Trauma Patients, as identified in the document, should be transported to the nearest appropriate trauma center.
- Use of on-line, active MCP for medical direction in the field, particularly for difficult cases, is encouraged in compliance with regional standing orders.
- ***PRE-ARRIVAL NOTIFICATION OF THE RECEIVING FACILITY IS ESSENTIAL!*** Give Mechanism of Injury, Injuries, Vital Signs, Treatment (MIVT) and ETA.
- List in the EMS Run Report which of the State Trauma Triage Criteria was met by the patient.

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 for the trauma patient.
- In areas of the region where the Level III Trauma Center is the only verified 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 in close proximity to a Level III trauma center and a Level I or Level II trauma center is still within the 30 minute transport guidelines established in this document, the EMS Provider should exercise professional judgment as to whether the patient would benefit more from an immediate evaluation, stabilization treatment at the proximate Level III trauma center or from direct transport by EMS Provider to the Level I or Level II trauma center.
- Regional Trauma Centers
- Level I Miami Valley Hospital Fax # 937-208-2521
- Level II Children's Medical Center Fax # 937-641-5402
- Level III Greene Memorial Hospital N/A Helicopter will take trauma Pt. to Level I or II.
- Level III Middletown Regional Hosp. N/A Helicopter will take trauma Pt. to Level I or II
- In areas of the region where there are no verified Trauma Centers (within 30 minutes ground transport time), the acute care hospital may act as the primary receiving facility for the critically injured trauma patients. EMS Provider may arrange for air medical transport from the scene.
- If a pediatric patient meets the trauma triage guidelines, then they are taken to a pediatric trauma center. If transportation time is > 30 minutes to a pediatric trauma center, then transport to the nearest acute care hospital for stabilization and transfer. EMS Provider 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

- Pre-arrival notification of the receiving facility is essential.
- Prolonged delays at the scene waiting for air medical transport should be avoided.
- Traumatic cardiac arrest due to blunt trauma 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.

Exceptions to Triage and Transportation Guidelines

- It is medically necessary to transport the victim to another hospital for initial assessment and stabilization before transfer to a pediatric trauma center.
- It is unsafe or medically inappropriate to transport the victim directly to an adult or pediatric trauma center due to adverse weather or ground conditions or excessive transport time.
- Transporting the victim to an adult or pediatric 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 of a patient begins, the patient requests to be taken to a particular hospital that is not a trauma center or, if the patient is less than 18 years of age or is not able to communicate, and such a request is made by an adult member of the patient's family or legal representative of the patient.

Pre-hospital Field Pediatric Triage

- Utilize for under 16 years of age
- Patients to be taken to nearest hospital:
    - Unstable airway
    - Blunt trauma arrest, no pulse or respirations
- **All pregnant trauma patients should be transported to the NEAREST ADULT Trauma Center, unless transport time > 30 minutes**

Anatomy of Injury

- All penetrating trauma to head, neck, torso, and extremities proximal to elbow and knee
- Abdominal injury with tenderness, distention, or seat belt sign
- Chest injury: Flail chest and/or tension pneumothorax
- Two or more proximal long bone fractures
- Evidence of pelvic fracture (exception: isolated hip fracture)
- Spinal cord injury with signs and symptoms of paralysis
- Burns greater than 10% Total BSA or other significant burns involving the face, feet, hands, genitals or airway
- Amputation proximal to wrist and/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 = Consider Pediatric Trauma Center	NO – Assess Physiologic
Alert Trauma Team	

Physiological

- **Glasgow Coma Scale (GCS) less than or equal to 13** (**see Section 4.3.1**), loss of consciousness at any time greater than five minutes or alteration in level of consciousness with evidence of head injury at time of exam or thereafter, or fails to localize pain.
- Evidence of poor perfusion (i.e., weak distal pulse, pallor, cyanosis, delayed capillary refill, tachycardia)
- Evidence of respiratory distress or failure (i.e., stridor, grunting, retractions, cyanosis, nasal flaring, hoarseness or difficulty speaking

YES = Consider Pediatric Trauma Center	NO = Evaluate Mechanism of Injury if high energy impact
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
- Falls > three times child's height
- High Speed Auto Crash
- Initial 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 Pediatric Trauma Center	NO = Check Special Situations

Special Situations

- Congenital disorders
- Pre-existing cardiac and/or respiratory disease
- Insulin dependent diabetes, cirrhosis, morbid obesity, seizure
- Patient with bleeding disorder or on anticoagulants
- Immuno-suppressed patients (renal dialysis, transplant, cancer, HIV)
- **All pregnant trauma patients should go to the nearest adult trauma center, if within 30 minutes transport time**.

YES = Consider Pediatric Trauma Center	NO = To Local Hospital

Head Injury

FIRST RESPONDER

Evaluate:

- Level of Consciousness
- Pupillary size and reaction
- Glasgow Coma Scale results

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

- Blown or unequal pupil(s), bradycardia, posturing, and decreased mental status.

EMT-BASIC

- {Ventilate to maintain $EtCO_2$ readings of 30 mmHg (30 torr)}.

GLASGOW COMA SCALE

	Child < 2 years		Child > 2 and Adolescent	
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

Maintain good ventilation with high flow oxygen. Prophylactic hyperventilation for head injury is not recommended. Cerebral herniation syndrome is the only situation in which hyperventilation (ventilating at a rate of 10 faster than the normal rate) is indicated.

Extremity Fractures, Dislocations, Sprains

FIRST RESPONDER / EMT-BASIC

- Assess pulse, motor and sensation before/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}.

Drowning and Near Drowning

FIRST RESPONDER / EMT-BASIC

- Consider spinal immobilization.
- Consider hypothermia.
- Evaluate neurological status.
- Near drowning patients should be transported to a trauma center.

Hypothermia

FIRST RESPONDER

- 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. It may be beneficial to immobilize the patient on the backboard.
- Assess neurological status.
- It may be necessary to assess pulse and respirations for up to 30-45 seconds to confirm arrest.

- Consider possibility of other medical conditions (i.e. overdose, hypoglycemia)
- Hypothermic patients should be transported to a trauma center.
- If patient arrest:
    - CPR continuously
    - If severe hypothermia (<86°F (30°C)) is strongly suspected, limit defibrillation attempts to 1 except on orders from MCP.
    - If body temperature is >86°F (30°C), follow normal arrest protocols.

EMT-BASIC

- {Intubate} and oxygenate the patient with {warmed and humidified} 100% $\mathbf{O_2}$.
- Continue resuscitative efforts while in transit, even if there is no response.

Hypothermia without Arrest

FIRST RESPONDER / EMT-BASIC

- Do not initiate CPR if there is any pulse present, no matter how slow.
- Rough handling and unnecessary stimulation may cause cardiac arrest.
- Minimize movement.
- Use the least invasive means possible to secure airway.
- Consider other medical conditions (i.e. overdose, hypoglycemia, CVA)
- Hypothermia patients should be transported to a trauma center.

Frostbite

FIRST RESPONDER / EMT-BASIC

- Protect injured area(s). 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 transport is >30 minutes.
- Patient with extensive burns must be monitored for hypothermia.
- Superficial and partial thickness burns <10% may have wet dressings applied. Cover burn areas with clean, dry sheets or dressings after cooling <10% burns first.
- Remove clothing and jewelry from injured parts. Do not remove items, which have adhered to the skin.
- Inhalation injuries with unsecured airway should be transported to the nearest facility.
- Chemical burns are Haz-Mat situations and must be grossly decontaminated at the scene.
- Keep patient warm.
- BP may be taken over damaged tissue if no other site is accessible.

Specific Care
FIRST RESPONDER

- 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 as follows:
- Radiation burns:
    - Treat as thermal burns except when burn is contaminated with radioactive source, then treat as Hazmat.
    - Consider contacting Haz-Mat team for assistance in contamination cases.

EMT-BASIC

- Inhalation Burns:
    - Provide {humidified} $\mathbf{O_2}$ using a {wall humidifier}.
- {CO oximeter}
- Consider Hyperbaric Oxygen Treatment for the following:
    - Underlying cardiovascular disease, or cardiovascular symptoms such as chest pain or shortness of breath.
    - Obvious neurological symptoms, such as any interval of unconsciousness, loss of time, inability to perform simple motor tasks, or loss of memory.
    - Pregnancy.

Heat Exposure

Genral Considerations

- Geriatric patients, pediatric patients and patients with a history of spinal injury or diabetes mellitus are most likely to suffer heat-related illnesses. Other contributory factors may include heart medications, diuretics, cold medications and/or psychiatric medications.
- Heat exposure can occur either 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
FIRST RESPONDER

- Move patient to a cool environment.
- Strip the patient of clothing, cool the patient, and apply water to the skin.

EMT-BASIC

- If conscious and not vomiting or extremely nauseous provide oral fluids.
- Be prepared for seizures.
- Consider other medical conditions (i.e. overdose, hypoglycemia)
- Hyperthermia patients should be transported to a trauma center.

Carbon Monoxide (CO) Poisoning

FIRST RESPONDER

- Provide high flow **O_2** to all suspected CO poisonings.

EMT-BASIC

- Pulse Oximeter will give false readings and should not be utilized.
- {CO oximeter}
- Consider Hyperbaric Oxygen Treatment for the following:
  - Underlying cardiovascular symptoms such as chest pain or shortness of breath.
  - 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.

Eye Injuries

FIRST RESPONDER

- If possible, contact lenses should be removed. Transport contacts with patient.

EMT-BASIC

- Nasal cannula and IV tubing for irrigation.
- Chemical Burns:
  - Irrigate immediately with **NS** or water for a minimum of 20 minutes.
  - Determine chemical involved. Bring MSDS if possible.
- Major Eye Trauma:
  - Do not irrigate if penetrating trauma.
  - Cover injured eye. Do not use a pressure or absorbent dressing on or near any eye that may have ruptured, or have any penetrating trauma.
  - Cover both eyes to limit movement.
  - Transport with head elevated at least 30°.

JumpSTART Triage for (MCIs)

Introduction

- Use the Jump **S**imple **T**riage **A**nd **R**apid **T**reatment (START) method of triage to assess a large number of pediatric victims rapidly. It is based on the START principles with considerations for pediatric response to trauma injury. It can be used effectively by all EMS personnel. However, there are limitations to JumpSTART

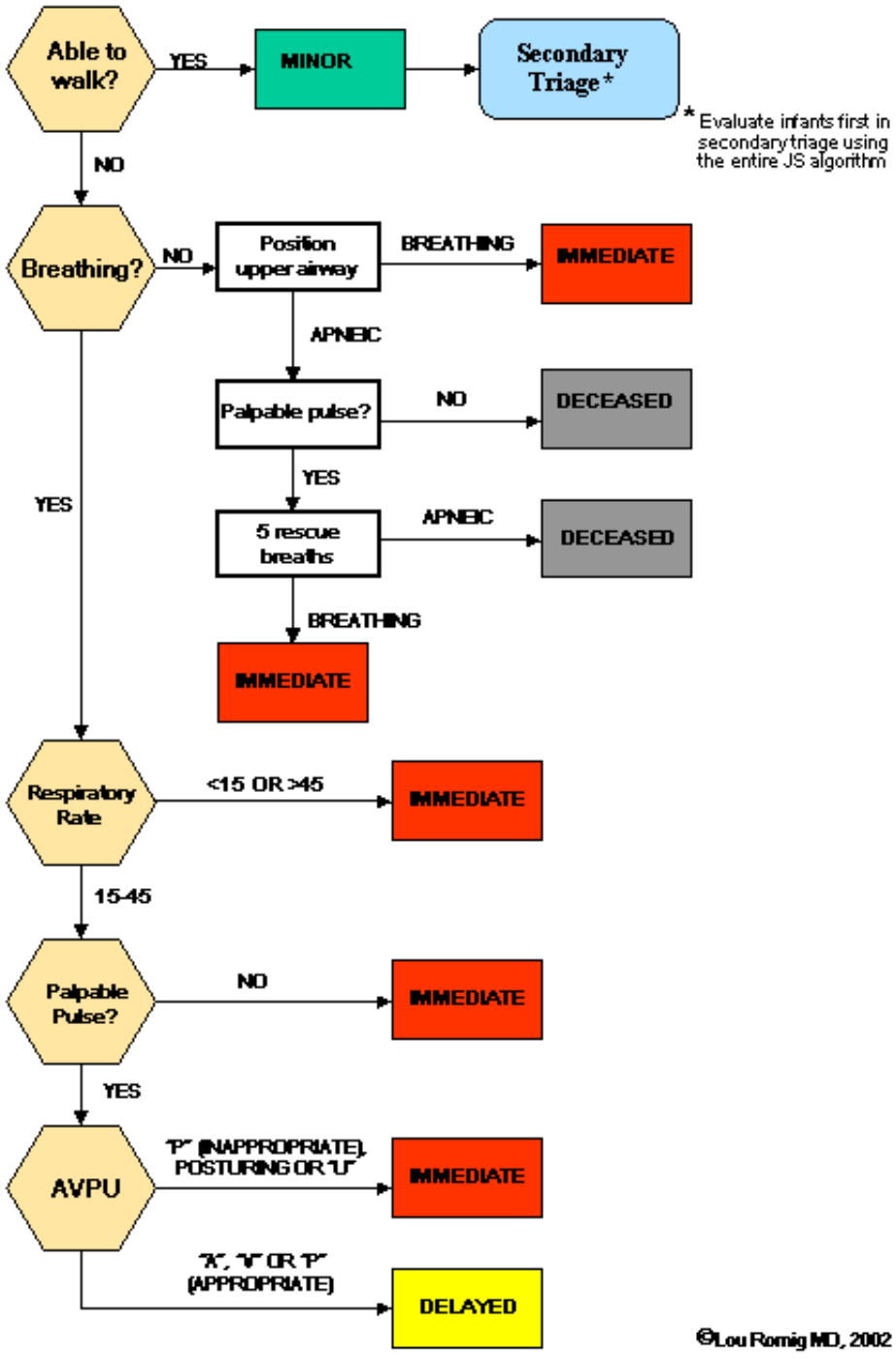
Procedure

- Initial Triage (Using the JumpSTART Method).
  - Utilize {Triage Ribbons [color-coded strips]}. One should be tied to an upper extremity in a VISIBLE location (wrist if possible, preferably on the right).
    - RED – Immediate
    - YELLOW – Delayed
    - GREEN – Ambulatory (minor)
    - BLACK – Deceased (non-salvageable)
- Independent decisions should be made for each victim. Do not base triage decisions on the perception that too many REDs, not enough GREENs, etc.
- If borderline decisions are encountered, always triage to the most urgent priority (i.e., GREEN/YELLOW patient, tag YELLOW). Move as quickly as possible.

- Secondary Triage
  - Will be performed on all victims in the Treatment Area.
  - Utilize the Triage Tags (METTAGs or START tags) and attempt to assess for and complete all information required on the tag (as time permits). Affix the tag to the victim and remove ribbon. This is done after patients enter the Treatment Area, not at the initial triage site!
  - The Triage priority determined **in the Treatment Area** should be the priority used for transport.
- JumpSTART
  - Locate and remove all of the walking wounded into one location away from the incident, if possible. Assign someone to keep them together (i.e., PD, FD, or initially a bystander) and notify COMMAND of their location. **Do not forget these victims.** Someone should re-triage them as soon as possible.
  - Begin assessing all non-ambulatory victims where they lie, if possible. Each victim should be triaged in 60 seconds or less, preferably much less. NOTE: Remember the mnemonic **RPM (Respirations, Perfusion, Mental Status)**.
  - Assess **RESPIRATIONS**:
    - If patient is breathing continue to assesses RESPIRATORY RATE, If not, position airway
    - If position corrects breathing, tag RED
    - If patient remains apneic, check pulse
    - If no pulse, tag BLACK
    - If pulse, Give 5 rescue breaths. If no pulse, tag BLACK
    - If rescue breathes return respirations, tag RED
    - If patient remains apneic, tag BLACK
    - Assess RESPIRATORY RATE
    - If rate is < 15 or > 45, tag RED
    - If rate is 15 to 45 assess pulse
  - Assess PULSE (Perfusion)
    - If no pulse is palpable, tag RED
    - If pulse is present, assess AVPU (Mental Status)
  - Assess AVPU
    - If patient is unconscious, posturing in response to pain, tag RED
    - If patient is alert, responds to verbal or pain without posturing, tag YELLOW

- Special Considerations
  - The **first** assessment that produces a RED tag stops further assessment.
  - Only correction of life-threatening problems (i.e., airway obstruction or severe hemorrhage) should be managed during triage.
  - To help speed the process, Departments should consider utilizing colored (Red, Yellow, Green, Black) {Ribbons} to initially mark patient categories. Triage Tags are then attached and filled out once the patient reaches the Treatment Area.
  - When using Triage Tags, if the patient's condition or the triage priority changes, the bottom portion of the tag should be removed, leaving only the injury information. Add a new tag to identify the new triage priority, and if time permits, the reason for the change.

JumpSTART Pediatric MCI Triage©



RESPIRATORY DISTRESS

EMT-BASIC

- Evaluate breath sounds and;
  - Clear: Treat cause (i.e. metabolic disturbance, fever and hyperventilation).
  - Wheezes: Treat cause (i.e. pulmonary edema, FBAO, asthma or allergic reaction).
  - Rales: Treat cause (i.e. pulmonary edema or pneumonia)
  - Diminished or absent:
    - Unilateral: Treat cause (i.e. pneumothorax, hemothorax, pneumonia, asthma)
    - Bilateral: Treat cause (i.e. respiratory failure, or asthma)
    - Obtain {Pulse Oximeter and/or capnography} reading

Pulmonary Edema

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Asthma/Emphysema/COPD

EMT-BASIC

- If patient develops wheezing, assist them with taking their prescribed Proventil (Albuterol) metered dose inhaler.
- ♦The patient is currently prescribed **Albuterol** Metered Dose Inhaler but has outdated, damaged, or contaminated medication on hand, or does not have their own medication with them at the time of the Emergency, the EMT-Basic may administer {**Albuterol** Metered Dose Inhaler} only
- Transport immediately, unless an ALS unit is en route and has an ETA of less than 5 minutes

Altered Level of Consciousness: Diabetic or Unknown Cause

EMT-BASIC

- 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, disconnect patient from the pump or "suspend" the device if you are familiar with its operation.
  - Maintain normothermia.

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

DIABETIC EMERGENCIES: REFUSAL OF TREATMENT

FIRST RESPONDER / EMT-BASIC

Does not apply to Peds

ALLERGIC REACTION/ANAPHYLAXIS

FIRST RESPONDER

- If severe allergic reaction, assist patient in **administering {Epi-Pe**n} if patient has his/her medication.

EMT-BASIC

- ♦If patient is currently prescribed Epi-Pen, but has outdated, damaged, or contaminated medication or does not have their own medication with them at the time of the emergency, the EMT-B may access the

BLS Drug Bag for **Epi-Pen only on orders from a MCP**. The EMT-B may not administer Epi-Pen to a patient that is not currently prescribed Epi-Pen or epinephrine.

- ♦**Epi-Pen Jr – 0.15 mg for patients < 30 Kg (< 66 pounds)**
- ♦**Adult Epi-Pen – 0.3 mg for patient > 30 Kg (> 66 pounds)**

- If applicable, apply {ice pack} and/or constricting band.
- IF MEDICATION IS NOT AVAILABLE – Transport immediately, unless ALS unit is en route and has an ETA of less than 5 minutes. Contact MCP.
- If patient develops wheezing, assist them with taking their prescribed Proventil (Albuterol) metered dose inhaler.
- ♦The patient is currently prescribed **Albuterol** Metered Dose Inhaler but has outdated, damaged, or contaminated medication on hand, or does not have their own medication with them at the time of the Emergency, the EMT-Basic may administer {**Albuterol** Metered Dose Inhaler} only
- If applicable, apply {ice pack} and/or constricting band.

Assisting with EpiPen:

When assisting patient with severe allergic reaction with his/her own prescribed EpiPen, do the following:

• Assure medication is prescribed for patient
• Check medication for expiration date.
• Contact MCP, if possible.
• Administer medication in mid-thigh and hold injector firmly against leg for at least ten (10) seconds to assure all medication is injected.
• Record patient reaction to medication and relay to MCP –**Be sure to have vital signs.**

SEIZURES

FIRST RESPONDER

- BVM and nasopharyngeal airway *during* seizure as needed.

EMT-BASIC

- 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, disconnect patient from the pump or "suspend" the device if you are familiar with its operation.
  - Maintain normothermia.

When obtaining history be sure to include the following:

- *Description of seizures, areas of body involved, and duration*
- *Other known medical history; i.e. head injury recent fever/illness, possible toxicological agents*

OVERDOSE

FIRST RESPONDER

- Manage Airway, gather appropriate history
- Thorough search for source substance

EMT-BASIC

- {Glucometer}
- Ingested Poison
  - Transport container and / or remaining medication to the hospital with the patient.

HAZ-MAT

Contact receiving hospital immediately to allow for set up of decontamination equipment. If substance is determined, notify receiving facilty as early as possible.

Important steps in field decontamination:

- Remove contaminated clothing.
- Thoroughly wash with {Dawn}, paying special attention to skin folds and other areas where simple irrigation may not remove it.
- Do not transport a patient until gross decontamination is completed.
- Obtain permission from hospital personnel before entering hospital with a potentially contaminated patient and/or crew.
- Consider decontamination of vehicle prior to leaving.

Field decontamination must be initiated. An example of the often overlooked importance of decon is a patient soaked in diesel fuel. Diesel fuel can cause chemical burns when left in contact with the skin

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has made recommendations about antidotes for MCIs including the following:

- It is likely that a terrorist attack would utilize materials that could be stolen or purchased in the U.S., rather than importing weapons such as Nerve Gas. Improvised weapons could include cyanide stolen from industry, or organophosphates, which have essentially the same effect as Nerve Agents, yet can be purchased inexpensively. In spite of what is commonly believed, many people exposed to cyanide, organophosphates, or Nerve Gas are potentially salvageable.
- It is critically important that the antidotes be given as quickly as possible.
- Atropine is the most important drug to be given rapidly for organophosphate or nerve agent poisons, and often the patients need repeated doses of Atropine.
- CDC recommends that suspected victims of cyanide poisoning in MCIs should be treated with Oxygen,.
- EMS agencies in major cities should be prepared to deal with at least 500 - 1,000 casualties from either cyanide or organophosphates/Nerve Agents, and thus should deploy antidotes on prehospital apparatus.

Hazmat: Cyanide

FIRST RESPONDER

- In any case of known or strongly suspected cyanide intoxication, utilize the following:
- **In cases of smoke inhalation where cyanide is a likely component of the smoke:**
    - Evaluate ABCs, treat accordingly
    - If in cardiac arrest {AED}

EMT-BASIC

- {Intubation},

Hazmat: Organophosphate or Nerve Agent Poisoning (MCI Only)

- Any case of known or strong suspected organophosphate or carbamate (i.e., insecticides such as parathion or malathion); or nerve agent (i.e., Tabun, Sarin, Soman, VX, etc.) exposure, symptoms may include miosis (pinpoint pupils), rhinorrhea (runny nose), copious secretions, localized sweating, nausea, vomiting, weakness, seizures, dyspnea, loss of consciousness, apnea, diarrhea, flaccid paralysis and cardiac arrest.
- Patients with severe poisoning may or may not be bradycardic.
- ♦**Atropine 1 - 2 mg** by **Mark I** auto-injector every 3-5 minutes, as available until lungs are clear to auscultation.
    - Atropine **1 - 2 mg** is administered by Auto-injector, **2 mg** for adults and children weighing over 90 pounds. .

  - Children weighing 40 - 90 pounds should be given the Atropen **1.0 mg** auto-injector.
  - Children weighing less than 40 pounds should be given the Atropen **0.5 mg** auto-injector.
- ♦ **Pralidoxime (2-PAM), 600 mg IM** should follow **Atropine which is slot 2 of Mark I auto-injector**
- ♦Treat seizures with **Diazepam (CANA) Auto-injector**.
- **In a MCI, contact 866-599-LERP and request a CHEMPACK, and contact 937-333-USAR and request additional Nerve Agent Antidotes**

In the event of a large MCI involving WMD such as Cyanide or Nerve Agents, contact MCP, and request an "Antidote free" order, allowing you to treat all of the patients on the scene with the appropriate antidote. Calling for separate orders for each individual patient is utterly impractical. Multi-dose vials or Atropine have been added to the Drug Bag. However, Squads must carry syringes and needles for administering the Atropine.

Departments are authorized to {stockpile large quantities of Atropine and supplies (syringes, needles, etc.), as well as 2-PAM, if desired on selected units. The stockpiles can also be in the form of auto-injectors, such as the Mark I kits. Auto-injectors can be quite expensive, but enough atropine in multi-dose vials for an initial dose of Atropine for between 200 and 400 patients, with syringes, needles and alcohol preps, for example, is very inexpensive}.

Hazmat: Biologicals

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Hazmat: Pepper Spray

FIRST RESPONDER / EMT-BASIC

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

ABDOMINAL PAIN

FIRST RESPONDER / EMT-BASIC

- Use inspection, auscultation and palpation to assess the patient with abdominal pain.
- Assess and document pain using the PQRST acronym:
  - 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
    - When did it begin?
    - How often does it occur?
    - Was the onset sudden or gradual?
- Position of comfort
- Give nothing by mouth
- Assess for trauma, pregnancy, illness or potential ingestion.
- Pregnant patients of any age $\geq$ 20 weeks gestation should be taken to maternity department; < 20 weeks should go to the emergency department.

FEVER

FIRST RESPONDER / EMT-BASIC

- **Transport all infants < 2 months of age with a history or reported temperature of > 38.0 C. (100.4 F.) or < 35.6 C. (96.0 F.).**

NEWBORN CARE & RESUSCITATION

General Considerations

- As soon as the baby is born, dry, warm, maintain airway.
  - Place in the sniffing position (1" towel under shoulders).
  - Suction infant until all secretions are clear of airway.
- If the newborn delivers with meconium-stained amniotic fluid and is vigorous, with strong respirations, good muscle tone, and heart rate > 100 BPM, suction the mouth and nose in the same way as for infants with clear fluid.
- 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.
- Mechanical suction may be used on infants, but only if the suction pressure does not exceed 100 mmHg or 136 cm H_2O. Bulb suctioning is preferred.
- If drying and suctioning has not provided enough tactile stimulation, try flicking the infant's feet and/or rubbing the infant's back. If this stimulation does not improve the infant's breathing, then BVM may be necessary.
- Avoid direct application of cool oxygen to infant's facial area as may cause respiratory depression due to a strong mammalian dive reflex immediately after birth.
- Use length/weight-based resuscitation tape (i.e., Broselow Tape).

Specific Care

FIRST RESPONDER / EMT-BASIC

- After delivery of the infant, assess the airway and breathing while drying and positioning head down.
- If HR <100, BVM ventilation is necessary to increase heart rate.
  - Ventilation is also indicated for apnea and/or persistent central cyanosis.
  - Ventilate at 40-60/min.
  - Despite adequate ventilation, if HR <60 begin CPR.
    - Compress at 120/min. (Compression to Ventilation ratio of 3:1)
- If spontaneous HR absent or <60 despite adequate ventilation and stimulation:
  - Compress at 120/min. (Compression to Ventilation ratio of 3:1)

Delivery Complications

FIRST RESPONDER / EMT-BASIC

- Place mother on O_2 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 appendage(s) 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 the cord, distribute pressure evenly if/when occiput presents.
  - Do not attempt to reinsert cord.

PSYCHIATRIC EMERGENCIES

FIRST RESPONDER / EMT-BASIC

- For violent or non-compliant patients, consider staging until police have assured scene safety
- Have patient searched for weapons
- Obtain previous mental health history:
  - Suicidal or violent history
  - Previous psychiatric hospitalization, when and where
  - Location that patient receives mental health care
  - 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/or threats to the health and well being of others are not considered rational.

Per Ohio Revised Code 5122.01 and 5122.10, an EMTB, I or P may not "pink slip" an individual (transport a person to the hospital against their will for mental health evaluation) who is alert and oriented even if they are threatening harm to themselves or others. Only a health officer (such as a police officer, crisis worker, psychiatrist, licensed physician) can "pink slip" a person. The GMVEMSC strongly recommends that your fire/EMS department, in consultation with your medical director/advisor and local law enforcement, have a procedure to deal with these types of situations.

Violent Patients

There are times when a "pink slip" or Involuntary Committal Form should be used. This REQUIRES coordination with and support from on scene law enforcement or health department officials, physician, or psychiatrist to "pink slip". Consult local rules, laws, policies, and / or guidelines.

- Determine patient competency and consent. Consider a patient may be incapable to make medical decisions if they are:
  - Suicidal
  - Confused
  - Severly developmentally or mentally disabled and injured/ill
  - Intoxicated and injured/ill with an altered mental status
  - Physically/verbally hostile
  - Unconscious
- Consider medical causes for patient's condition
- Consider staging until police have assured scene safety
- Have patient searched for weapons

- Do not transport restrained patients in a prone position with the hands and feet behind the back or sandwiched between backboards or other items.
- Recheck a restrained patient's ability to breathe often
- Have the ability to remove/cut restraints if the patient vomits or develops respiratory distress
- Explain the need for restraint to the patient
- Document the restraints used and on which limbs and your justification for the restraints thoroughly

Child Abuse/Neglect

- Report all alleged or suspected child abuse or neglect to the appropriate agency. Ohio Revised Code 2151.421 requires providers to report incidents of abuse to their county's public children services agency or a municipal or county peace officer. Hospitals have copies of the EMS Social Services Referral Form, supplied by GDAHA, for documenting cases of abuse. Use of this form can help providers in providing information needed to their reporting agency, as well as provide for a continuum of care with hospital social services departments.
- 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	Contact County SO (937) 348)-548-2020	(937) 548-8723
Greene	(937) 562-6000	(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) 695-1588	(513) 659-2698	(513) 695-1800

Safe Harbor

- Voluntary Separation of Newborn Infant
  - Safe Harbor (Ohio House Bill 660) is designed to allow desperate parents to separate from their babies confidentially to hospitals, EMS, or law enforcement agencies.
  - Stipulations of separation:
    - Infant must be 3 days old or less
    - No signs of abuse or neglect
  - History which should be obtained:
    - Date and time of birth
    - Any family medical history
    - Information regarding prenatal care
    - Information concerning the birth.
  - 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.
  - Transport the infant to the 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.

A	A
Abdomen	ABD
abdominal aortic aneurysm	AAA
Abortion	Ab
above the elbow	AE
Acetaminophen	APAP
acquired immune def syndrome	AIDS
activities of daily living	ADL
acute coronary syndrome	ACS
acute myocardial infarction	AMI
acute pulmonary edema	APE
acute renal failure	ARF
acute respiratory distress syndrome	ARDS
acute respiratory distress	ARD
administer rectally	p.r.
advanced cardiac life support	ACLS
advanced directive	AD
advanced life support	ALS
After	p
Afternoon	P.M.
against medical advice	AMA
AIDS related complex	ARC
Airborne	A/B
Alcohol	ETOH
alert & oriented	A&O
alert/verbal/pain/unresponsive	AVPU
all terrain vehicle	ATV
antecubital fossa	AC
aortic valve replacement	AVR
Approximately	(~)
arterial blood gas	ABG
arteriosclerotic heart disease	ASHD
as desired	ad lib
as necessary or needed	Prn
as soon as possible	ASAP
Aspirin	ASA
assessment & plan	A&P or A/P
At	@
at bedtime	h.s.
atrial fibrillation	a-fib
atrial flutter	AF
atrial tachycardia	AT
Atrioventricular	AV
atrioventricular node	AV node
auscultation & percussion	A&P
automatic external defibrillator	AED
automatic transport ventilator	ATV
B	**B**
backboard	BB
bag-valve-mask	BVM
basic life support	BLS
beats / breaths per minute	bpm
Before	a
below the elbow	BE
below the knee	BK
below the knee amputation	BKA
birth control (pills)	BC(P)
births, number of	para
Black	B
blood alcohol concentration	BAC
blood glucose	bG
blood pressure	BP
blood sugar	BS
body substance isolation	BSI
body surface area	BSA
both ears	AU
both eyes	OU
bowel movement	BM
Bradycardia	brady
breath or bowel sounds	BS
by mouth	PO
by or through	per
by way of	via
C	**C**
Calcium	Ca^{++}
Canceled	CANX
Cancer	CA
capillary refill time	CRT
carbon dioxide	CO_2
carbon monoxide	CO
cardiac care unit	CCU
cardiac output	co
cardiopulmonary resuscitation	CPR
carotid sinus massage	CSM
Centimeter	cm.
central nervous system	CNS
central venous pressure	CVP
Cerebral palsy	CP
cerebrospinal fluid	CSF
cerebrovascular accident	CVA
Cervical (1,2,3,4,5,6,7)	C
Cervical immobilization device	CID
Cervical spine	C-spine
Change	D
chest pain	CP
chest x-ray	CXR
chief complaint	CC
Chloride	Cl^-
Chronic obstructive lung disease	COLD

chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	COPD
chronic renal failure	CRF
circulatory/sensory/motor	CSM
clear to auscultation	CTA
complaining of	c/o
complete blood count	CBC
computerized tomography	CAT/CT
congestive heart failure	CHF
conscious alert & oriented	CAO
consistent with	C/w
coronary artery bypass graft	CABG
coronary artery disease	CAD
cubic centimeter	cc.
D	**D**
daily	q.d.
date of birth	DOB
day	D
dead on arrival	DOA
decibel(s)	dB
decreasing	↓
deep tendon reflex	DTR
degree(s)	°
delirium tremens	DT's
dextrose in water - 25%	D25
dextrose in water - 5%	D5W
dextrose in water - 50%	D50
diabetes insipidus	DI
diabetes mellitus	DM
diabetic ketoacidosis	DKA
diagnosis	Dx
diastolic blood pressure	DBP
dilation & curettage	D&C
discontinue	d/c
disease	DZ
do not resuscitate	DNR
dressing	dsg.
drops	gtt(s)
dry sterile dressing	DSD
due to	d/t
dyspnea on exertion	DOE
E	**E**
ear, nose, & throat	ENT
ectopic pregnancy	EP
electrocardiogram	ECG / EKG
electroencephalogram	EEG
emergency department	ED / ER
emergency department physician	EDP
emergency medical services	EMS
endotracheal (tube)	ET(T)
epinephrine	EPI
equal	(=)
esophageal detection device	EDD
esophageal gastric tube airway	EGTA
esophageal obturator airway	EOA
Estimated	Est.
estimated blood loss	EBL
estimated date of confinement	EDC
estimated date of delivery	EDD
estimated time of arrival	ETA
Evaluation	eval.
Every	Q
every evening	q.p.m.
every morning	q.a.m.
every other day	q.o.d.
external jugular vein	EJV
extraocular movement	EOM
F	**F**
Fahrenheit	F
family history	FH
fetal heart rate	FHR
fever of unknown origin	FOU
flow restricted O_2 powered ventilation device	FROPVD
fluid	Fld
follow-up	f/u
foot / feet	Ft.
for example	e.g.
foreign body	FB
four times a day	q.i.d.
fracture	Fx
french	Fr.
front to back	AP
full range of motion	FROM
full term normal delivery	FTND
full weight bearing	FWB
funny looking beats (ECG)	FLB's
G	**G**
gallbladder	GB
gastrointestinal	GI
gauge	Ga
genitourinary	GU
Glasgow coma score / scale	GCS
grain	Gr
gram	Gm
grand mal or grandmother	GM
grandfather	GF
grandmother or grand mal	GM
greater than	>
gun shot wound	GSW
gynecology	GYN
H	**H**
hazardous materials	HazMat
head, ears, eyes, nose, throat	HEENT
headache	H/a
headblocks	HB's
health related facility	HRF
heart block	HB

heart rate	HR
heart sounds	HS
head of bed	HOB
hematocrit	Hct.
hemoglobin	Hgb.
hepatitis A(BC) virus	HA(BC)V
history	Hx
history & physical	H&P
history of	h/o
history of present illness	HPI
hour	H or hr.
human immunodeficiency virus	HIV
hydrochlorothiazide	HCTZ
hydrogen ion concentration	pH
hypertension	HTN
I	**I**
identity or identification	ID
if necessary	Sos
immediately	STAT
increasing	↑
inferior	inf.
insulin dependent diabetes	IDDM
intake & output	I&O
intensive care unit	ICU
intercostal space	ICS
intermittent positive pressure breathing	IPPB
intraaortic balloon pump	IABP
intracranial pressure	ICP
intramuscular	IM
Intranasal	IN
intraosseous	IO
intravenous	IV
intravenous drip (or IVPB)	IVD
intravenous piggyback	IVPB
intravenous push	IVP
iron	Fe
J	**J**
joule	J
jugular venous distension	JVD
junctional rhythm	JR
K	**K**
keep vein open	KVO
Kendrick extrication device	KED
Kendrick traction device	KTD
kilogram	kg.
kilometer	km.
kilometers per hour	Kph
knee, above the	AK
knee, below the	BK
L	**L**
L lower extremity	LLE
L lower lobe (lung)	LLL
L upper extremity	LUE
L upper lobe (lung)	LUL

labor & delivery	L&D
large	lg.
laryngotracheal mask airway	LMA
last menstrual period	LMP
last normal menstrual period	LNMP
law enforcement	LE
lead	Pb
leading to or progressing	→
left	(L)
left bundle branch block	LBBB
left ear (auris sinistra)	AS
left eye (oculus sinister)	OS
left heart failure	LHF
left lower quadrant	LLQ
left upper quadrant	LUQ
less than	<
licensed practical nurse	LPN
lidocaine	LIDO
liters per minute	LPM
litre / liter	L.
liver, kidney & spleen	LK&S
longboard	LB
loss or limit of motion	LOM
loss or level of consciousness	LOC
low back pain	LBP
lower back	LB
lower extremity	LE
lumbar vertebrae (1,2,3,4,5)	L
lung sounds	LS
M	**M**
magnesium	Mg.
magnetic resonance imaging	MRI
MAST	PASG
mean arterial pressure	MAP
mechanism of injury	MOI
medial	med.
medical antishock trousers	MAST
medical control physician	MCP
medical doctor	MD
medications	Meds
mercury	Hg.
meter	m.
metered dose inhaler	MDI
methicillin resistant staphylococcus aureus	MRSA
microgram	mcg.
mid-clavicular line	MCL
miles per hour	Mph
milk of magnesia	MOM
milliequivalent	mEq
milligram	mg.
milligrams per deciliter	mg/DL
milliliter (same as cc.)	ml.
millimeter	Mm
millimeters of mercury	mmHg

minute	min.
mitral valve prolapse	MVP
month(s)	mo(s).
morning	AM
motor vehicle accident	MVA
motor vehicle collision	MVC
multiple casualty incident	MCI
multiple sclerosis	MS
musculoskeletal	MS
myocardial infarction	MI
N	**N**
nasal cannula	NC
nasogastric (tube)	NG(T)
nasopharyngeal airway	NPA
nasotracheal	NT
nausea & vomiting	N&V
nausea, vomiting, & diarrhea	NVD
negative / no / absent	(-)
neuro-muscular blockade (RSI)	NMB
newborn	NB
nitroglycerine	NTG
nitroprusside	NTP
no apparent distress	NAD
no known drug allergies	NKDA
non weight bearing	NWB
non-insulin dependent diabetes	NIDDM
non-rebreather mask	NRBM
nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory	NSAID
normal saline	NS
normal saline lock	NSL
normal sinus rhythm	NSR
not applicable / available	n/a
nothing by mouth	NPO
number	#
nurse practitioner	NP
O	**O**
O2 % of arterial blood	SpO2
obstetrics	OB
of each	Aa
ointment	Ung
once a day	Od
operating room / suite	OR
orogastric (tube)	OG(T)
oropharyngeal airway	OPA
ounce	oz.
over the counter	OTC
overdose	OD
oxygen	O_2
P	**P**
packs per day	p/d
pain	pn.
pair	pr.
paroxysmal atrial tachycardia	PAT
paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea	PND
paroxysmal SVT	PSVT
partial pressure of CO_2	PCO_2
partial pressure of O_2	PO_2
partial rebreather mask	PRBM
partial weight bearing	PWB
parts per million	Ppm
past medical history	PMH
past medical illness	PMI
patient	Pt.
peak expiratory flow	PEF
pediatric intensive care unit	PICU
pelvic inflammatory disease	PID
penicillin	PCN
peptic ulcer disease	PUD
per	/
percent	%
percutaneous coronary intervention	PCI
peripheral inserted central cath	PICC
peripheral vascular resistance	PVR
pharyngo tracheal lumen airway	PtL
physical exam	PE
physician on scene	POS
physician's assistant	PA
physician's desk reference	PDR
police (department)	PD
positive / yes / present	(+)
positive end expiratory pressure	PEEP
positive or negative	(+/-)
post-operative diagnosis	PODx
potassium	K^+
pound	lb.
pounds per square inch	Psi
pregnancies, number of	Gravida
premature rupture of membranes	PROM
premature atrial contraction	PAC
premature junctional complex	PJC
premature nodal contraction	PND
premature ventricular complex	PVC
premenstrual syndrome	PMS
primary care physician	PCP
primary / 1^{st} degree	1°
prior to my arrival	PTA
pulmonary edema / embolism	PE
pulmonary function test	PFT
pulse	P=
pulse oximetry	POX/SPO_2
pulse rate	PR
pulse, motor, sensation	PMS
pulseless electrical activity	PEA
pupils (=) & reactive to light	PERL
pupils (=) round reactive to light & accomodation	PERRLA
Q	**Q**
QRS complex	QRS

quart	Qt.
questionable / possible	?
R	**R**
R bundle branch block	RBBB
R lower extremity	RLE
R lower lobe (lung)	RLL
R middle lobe (lung)	RML
R upper extremity	RUE
R upper lobe (lung)	RUL
range of motion	ROM
rapid sequence induction	RSI
Rate	R
red blood cell / count	RBC
red lights & siren	RLS
Regarding	re:
registered nurse	RN
respiratory rate	RR
respiratory syncytial virus	RSV
returned to service	RTS
rheumatic heart disease	RHD
Right	(R)
right ear (auris dextra)	AD
right eye (oculus dexter)	OD
right heart failure	RHF
right lower quadrant	RLQ
right upper quadrant	RUQ
rule out	r/o
S	**S**
sacral vertebrae (1-5)	S
secondary / second degree	2°
sexually transmitted disease	STD
shortness of breath	SOB
signs & symptoms	S&S
sino-atrial	SA
sinus bradycardia	SB
sinus tachycardia	ST
small	sm.
small volume nebulizer	SVN
sodium	Na^+
sodium bicarbonate	$NaHCO_3$
sodium chloride	NaCl
solution	soln.
spinal cord	sp.cd.
stable angina	SA
standard	std.
standard operating procedure	SOP
standing orders	SO
stand-by	S/B
stroke volume	SV
subcutaneous	SC or SQ
sublingual	SL
sudden death	SD
sudden infant death syndrome	SIDS
supraventricular tachycardia	SVT

surgical intensive care unit	SICU
symmetry	sym.
symptoms	Sx
systemic vascular resistant	SVR
systolic blood pressure	SBP
T	**T**
tablespoon	Tbsp.
tachycardia	tach(y)
teaspoon	Tsp.
telephone order	TO
temperature	T
temperature, pulse, & respiration	TPR
temporomandibular joint	TMJ
tender loving care	TLC
therefore / in conclusion	\
thoracic vertebrae (1-12)	T
three times a day	t.i.d.
tibia	Tib
tidal volume	TV
times	×
to keep open	TKO
tourniquet	TQ
tracheal deviation	TD
traction or transport	Tx
transcutaneous pacing	TCP
transfer	x-fer
transient ischemic attack	TIA
transplant	Txp
transport or traction	Tx
treatment / medication	Rx
tuberculosis	TB
turned over to	TOT
twice a day	b.i.d.
Tylenol™	APAP
tympanic membrane	TM
U	**U**
ultra-high frequency	UHF
umbilical vein	UV
unconscious	unc.
unequal / not equal	
unknown	unk. or u/k
unstable angina	USA
upper & lower	U+L
upper extremity	UE
upper respirator infection	URI
urinary tract infection	UTI
US pharmacopeia	USP
V	**V**
vancomycin resistant enterococcus	VRE
vein	V
ventricular fibrillation	VF/ VFIB
ventricular tachycardia	VT/ VTACH
verbal order	VO

versus	vs.
very high frequency	VHF
vital signs	VS
vital signs stable	VSS
W	**W**
warm & dry	w/d
water	H_2O
watt/seconds (joules)	w/s
week	wk.
weight	wt.
white	W
white blood count	WBC

with	c
within normal limits	WNL
Without	s or w/o
Wolff Parkinson-White	WPW
work of breathing	WOB
X	**X**
x-ray	XR
Y	**Y**
year	yr.
years old	y/o - y.o
Z	**Z**

Greater Miami Valley EMS Council & Ohio EMS Region 2
Quality Improvement Program
EMS CHECKLIST: 12-LEAD EKG USAGE

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

Date:_____ **Run #**_____ **Time of Pain Onset:**_____

This form is to be completed by the paramedic for each patient on whom a 12-Lead EKG is performed, regardless of whether the EKG is normal or abnormal.

_____ **1. If patient has 12-Lead EKG evidence of Acute MI, consider transport to an Interventional Facility.**

- **Presently, those facilities include DHH, GSH, GvH, KMH, MVH, Springfield Mercy & Springfield Community.**

_____ 2. *CARDIAC ALERT CHECKLIST*		
INCLUSION CRITERIA		
	YES	***NO***
Anginal Chest Pain or Equivalent (weakness, diaphoresis, SOB, syncope, nausea, back or jaw pain, abdominal pain)		
Evidence of AMI on 12 Lead: (1 mm of ST elevation in 2 or more contiguous leads)		
EXCLUSION CRITERIA		
Is the QRS Greater than 120 ms (LBBB)?		
Does the Patient have a Pacemaker Rhythm?		
If all boxes in shaded areas are checked, the patient qualifies for a Cardiac Alert. Make contact with Medical Control Physician at receiving facility as soon as practical to relay information.		

_____ **3. Contact hospital by radio or phone when transporting any suspected MI patient. NOTIFY of the following:**
- _____ **a) Speak directly to the medical control physician (MCP) whenever possible.**
- _____ **b) Advise MCP ASAP that you are transporting a CARDIC ALERT patient.**
- _____ **c) Give patient report with vitals, history, PE, and other pertinent information.**
- _____ **d) Give your interpretation of 12-Lead EKG, and/or machine interpretation**
- _____ **e) Give name of patient's cardiologist (if known)** _____

_____ **4. On arrival at hospital with a suspected MI patient:**
- _____ **a) Give verbal report, speaking directly to the physician when possible, including your evaluation of the 12-Lead EKG.**
- _____ **b) Attach a copy of 12-Lead EKG to this form.**
- _____ **c) Attach a copy of 12-Lead EKG to hospital copy of EMS runsheet.**
  - **Label all copies of EKG/12-Lead EKG with patient name, date, and time.**
  - **Document Name of Medical Control Physician:** _____
  - **Document Name of patient's cardiologist (as above).**

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Greater Miami Valley EMS Council
PREHOSPITAL SUSPECTED CVA/TIA CHECKLIST

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

Glascow 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 WITHOUT DELAY to most appropriate hospital. NOTIFY hospital ASAP.
Contact MCP for advice on transport to facility offering thrombolytics for stroke ***if*** you can arrive within **two hours** of onset of symptoms. Consider air transport for Stroke patients with long transport times.

_____ 6. CONTRAINDICATIONS to Thrombolytic Therapy (i.e. tPA)?

ABSOLUTE (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.

Relative
_____ a) Abnormal blood glucose (< 60 or > 400 mg/dl).
_____ b) Recent major surgery or trauma (< 2 months).
_____ c) BP > 200 / >120.
_____ d) Active peptic ulcer or guaiac positive stools (GI or GU bleeding).
_____ e) Recent prolonged or traumatic CPR.
_____ f) Hx of CVA, or brain tumor/injury/surgery.
_____ g) Current use of anticoagulants (i.e., Coumadin)

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2007 FIRST RESPONDER / EMT-BASIC DRUG INFORMATION

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RIGHTS OF MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION

1. Right Medication
    a. Make sure that the medication is the correct medication indicated by the GMV 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. Confirm that the medication is appropriate for your patient per the GMV Standing Orders.
    c. 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. If you aren't familiar with the medication, 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, SQ, IV, PO, IN, ETT, Neb
    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; 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.

Adult - Basic

SPECIAL INFO	DRUG NAME	INDICATION	DOSAGE (ADULT)	REQUIRES MCP
	Albuterol (Proventil) Metered Dose Inhaler	Asthma/Emphysema/COPD	2 puffs from Inhaler	Assist with patients own: No From BLS Fanny Pack only or Dept. supply: Yes
	Aspirin (abbreviated as ASA)	Suspected Cardiac Chest Pain	324mg 4 chewable 81 mg tablets – MUST CHEW	Assist with patients own: No From Drug Bag: Yes
Declared Emergency Only	Atropine	Organophosphate, or Nerve Agent Poisoning (regardless of cardiac rate)	Organophosphate, or Nerve Gas Poisoning: Mark 1 Item 1, 2 mg until lungs are clear to auscultation	Organophosphate, Nerve Agent Poisoning – Yes
	Dawn Soap	Decontamination of tenacious hazardous material on skin	Solution of Dawn soap & water	No
Declared Emergency Only	Diazepam (Valium) CANA	Seizures associated with Organophosphate or Nerve Agent MCI	10mg IM Auto-injector	Organophosphate, Nerve Agent Poisoning – Yes
	EpiPen	Severe symptomatic allergic reaction	0.3 mg Auto- injector	Assist with patients own: No From Drug Bag: Yes
	Nitroglycerine (abbreviated as NTG in the orders) (Nitrostat)	Chest pain or pulmonary edema with BP over 100 in pt. who is at least 25 yrs old or has prescribed Nitro.	0.4 mg SL q 5 min for continued chest pain up to a total of 3 tablets.	Assist with initial dose of patients own: No Repeat: Yes From Drug Bag: Yes

SPECIAL INFO	DRUG NAME	INDICATION	DOSAGE (ADULT)	REQUIRES MCP
	Oral Glucose	Hypoglycemia if no IV access or available Glucagon. Stroke, generalized hypothermia without arrest, altered level of consciousness of unknown cause, or seizures with BS < 60, no BS monitor available, or strong suspicion of hypoglycemia despite BS reading, if no IV access.	1 tube May be repeated in 10 mins. If BS remains < 60.	No
Declared Emergency Only	Pralidoxime (2-PAM) (Mark I Auto-injector, Item 2) to be used following Atropine	To be used following Atropine in Organophosphate, or Nerve Gas Poisoning. Both for protection of public safety personnel who walk into scene & become unexpectedly contaminated as well as for treatment of civilian patients at the scene.	600 mg IM AutoInjector	Organophosphate, Nerve Agent Poisoning – Yes
	Sudecon Wipes	Pepper Spray	Use as needed to assist with decontamination	No

Pediatric - Basic

SPECIAL INFO	DRUG NAME	INDICATION	DOSAGE (PEDI)	REQUIRES MCP
	Albuterol (Proventil) Metered Dose Inhaler	Asthma/Emphysema/COPD	2 puffs from Inhaler	Assist with patients own: No From BLS Fanny Pack only or Dept. supply: Yes
Declared Emergency Only	Atropine	Organophosphate, or Nerve Agent Poisoning (regardless of cardiac rate)	Organophosphate or Nerve Gas Poisoning <40 lbs: 0.5 mg IVP/IO/IM or 0.5 mg Atropine Auto-injector >40 lbs: 1.0 mg IVP/IO/IM or 1.0 mg Atropine Auto-injector > 90 lbs: 2.0 mg IVP/IO/IM or 2.0 mg Atropine Auto-injector Atropine concentration in multiple-dose vial is 0.4 mg/ml.	Organophosphate, Nerve Agent Poisoning – Yes
	Dawn Soap	Decontamination of tenacious hazardous material on skin	Solution of Dawn soap & water	No
Declared Emergency Only	Diazepam (Valium) CANA	Seizures associated with Organophosphate or Nerve Agent MCI	10mg IM Autoinjector	Organophosphate, Nerve Agent Poisoning – Yes
	EpiPen	Severe symptomatic allergic reaction	Patients < 30 kg – 0.15 mg Auto injector Patients > 30 kg - 0.3 mg Auto injector	Assist with patients own: No From Drug Bag: Yes

SPECIAL INFO	DRUG NAME	INDICATION	DOSAGE (PEDI)	REQUIRES MCP
	Oral Glucose	Hypoglycemia if no IV access or available Glucagon. Stroke, generalized hypothermia without arrest, altered level of consciousness of unknown cause, or seizures with BS < 60, no BS monitor available, or strong suspicion of hypoglycemia despite BS reading, if no IV access.	1 tube May be repeated in 10 mins. If BS remains < 60.	No
Declared Emergency Only	Pralidoxime (2-PAM) (Mark I Auto-injector, Item 2) to be used following Atropine	To be used following Atropine in Organophosphate, or Nerve Gas Poisoning. Both for protection of public safety personnel who walk into scene & become unexpectedly contaminated as well as for treatment of civilian patients at the scene.	Children > 20 kg: 600 mg IM AutoInjector	Organophosphate, Nerve Agent Poisoning – Yes
	Sudecon Wipes	Pepper Spray	Use as needed to assist with decontamination	No

Basic - Therapeutic Actions, Contraindications, and Precautions

DRUG NAME	THERAPEUTIC ACTION	CONTRAINDICATION	PRECAUTIONS/SIDE EFFECTS
Albuterol (Proventil)	Bronchodilator	Prior hypersensitivity reaction to Albuterol, cardiac dysrhythmias associated with tachycardia.	Usually dose related, restlessness, apprehension, dizziness, palpitations, tachycardia, dysrhythmias. May precipitate angina pectoris and dysrhythmias.
Aspirin (ASA)	Anti platelet	Hypersensitivity to salicylates, GI bleeding, active ulcer disease, hemorrhagic stroke, bleeding disorders, children with flu-like symptoms.	Stomach irritation, heartburn or indigestion, nausea or vomiting, allergic reaction. Should be given as soon as possible to the patient with AMI.
Atropine Mark 1 / AutoInjector	Anticholinergic as a result of WMD MCI	Tachycardia, hypersensitivity to atropine, obstructive disease of GI tract, obstructive uropathy, unstable cardiovascular status in acute hemorrhage with myocardial ischemia, narrow angle glaucoma, thyrotoxicosis.	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.
Diazepam (Valium) CANA AutoInjector	Treats seizure activity as a result of WMD MCI.	Hypersensitivity to the drug, substance abuse (use with caution), coma (unless the patient has seizures or severe muscle rigidity or myoclonus), shock, CNS depression as a result of head injury, respiratory depression.	Hypotension, reflex tachycardia (rare), respiratory depression, ataxia, psychomotor impairment, confusion, nausea. May cause local venous irritation.

DRUG NAME	THERAPEUTIC ACTION	CONTRAINDICATION	PRECAUTIONS/SIDE EFFECTS
EpiPen	Causes bronchodilation	Hypersensitivity (not an issue especially in emergencies – the dose should be lowered or given slowly in noncardiac arrest patients with heart disease), hypovolemic shock (as with other catecholamines, correct hypovolemia prior to use), coronary insufficiency (use with caution).	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.
Nitroglycerine (Nitrostat) (NTG)	Vasodilator which decreased preload and to a lesser extent, afterload.	Hypersensitivity, hypotension, head injury, cerebral hemorrhage.	Transient headache, reflex tachycardia, hypotension, nausea & vomiting, postural syncope, diaphoresis.
Pralidoxime (2-PAM) (Mark I Auto-injector, Item 2) to be used following Atropine	Reactivates cholinesterase after poisoning with anticholinesterase agents as a result of WMD MCI	Hypersensitivity	Use with caution in myasthenia gravis, renal impairment, pregnancy, lactation or children.

2008 GMVEMSC Standing Orders
First Responder Pretest

Disclaimer:
The pretest is not inclusive of the questions and content of the post test. You as the provider are responsible for all material contained within the appropriate Standing Orders Training Manual.

Name:_____ Date:_____

Focus Area: Airway Management:

List the oxygen flow rate and delivery method for the following patients:

1. Patient with a history of COPD **without** respiratory distress:

2. Severe multiple trauma patient:

3. Patient with mild chest pain and **no** signs of respiratory distress?

4. The method for opening an airway in an individual with a suspected neck injury is:

5. What rate would you use to ventilate and motorcycle crash victim with posturing and unilateral blown pupil?

Focus Area: Pediatrics

List the CPR Ventilation to Compression rate for:

6. 7 year old, one rescuer:

7. 13 year old, one or two rescuers:

8. 3 year old, two rescuers:

9. 8 month old, single rescuer:

10. 2 day old, single rescuer:

11. List some of the signs/symptoms of respiratory distress in the young pediatric patient:

12. You have been called to a home for a minor injury on a child. You observe an unsafe environment and possible abusive behavior on the part of the caregiver. The parent refuses to allow transport of the child and the First Responder is the only provider on scene. What actions must you take?

13. In the previous question scenario, is it acceptable to pass the suspected negligence on to the nursing staff for them to report? Explain your rationale.

14. The GMV SO Pediatrics section applies to patients under the age of __ .

15. Chest pain in the pediatric patient is rarely related to a cardiac event. Assessment of other causes (i.e. muscle pain, respiratory difficulties, injury) should be completed to determine the cause of pain.

A. True
B. False

Focus Area: Abdominal Pain

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18. A pregnant patient of 15 weeks gestation with abdominal pain should be transported to:

19. Your patient is a 30 year old female 30 weeks pregnant complaining of vaginal bleeding and abdominal pain. You should consider all of the following ***except***:

A. Placing patient in the supine position
B. Give psychological support to the patient
C. Palpate the abdomen and assess the level of the uterine fundus
D. Document the quality, location and level of the pain and when it started

Focus Area: Trauma Triage

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    B. A run report should be faxed immediately to the receiving facility by EMS
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    C. Scene size-up, with rapid assessment and recognition of major trauma/multiple body system trauma, and effective prehospital triage decisions are essential to the positive patient outcomes.
    D. All the above

22. What information is the receiving trauma center expecting to get from an EMS provider when giving verbal report on a trauma patient?

23. List our Region 2 Trauma Centers and their level:

24. List the three types of Trauma Triage Criteria used to determine appropriate trauma destinations:

25. List at least 5 of the Mechanism of Injury criteria which indicate that the patient should be considered for trauma Center transport:

26. List at least three of the Physiologic Criteria which indicate that the patient should be considered for trauma Center transport:

27. List at least 6 of the Anatomical Injury Criteria which indicate that the patient should be considered for trauma Center transport:

Focus Area: Decontamination of HazMat Patients

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29. Which of the following is ***not*** a true statement about dealing with the de-contamination of a hazardous materials patient?

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B. Cardiac arrest patients may be decontaminated enroute to ED
C. Thoroughly wash patient with substance similar to Dawn Detergent
D. Obtain permission from hospital prior to entering ED with possibly contaminated patient

30. Which of the following are critical actions that MUST occur with the care of any potentially contaminated victim?

A. Providers must ensure that they themselves do not become contaminated by observing appropriate scene safety
B. ALL victims have ALL their clothing removed and receive at minimum gross decon by personnel who have donned appropriate personal protective equipment
C. The receiving hospital is notified as early in the incident as possible
D. All of the above

31. List some important considerations for Field Decontamination:

32. 46. Pepper spray is not a Hazardous Material and never requires decontamination.
    A. True
    B. False

Additional Questions

33. When First Responders encounter cardiac arrest in a patient, which of the following are considered appropriate courses of action?
    A. Assess patient for respiratory and cardiac arrest
    B. Initiate CPR and {AED/Defibrillator} using most current American Heart Association Guidelines
    C. Consider treatable causes
    D. All are appropriate

34. Which statement(s) are correct regarding AED/Defibrillation of cardiac arrest patients when being treated by EMS Personnel?
    A. Un-witnessed pediatric cardiac arrest patients may have 5 cycles (2 minutes) of CPR prior to AED/Defibrillation
    B. Un-witnessed adult cardiac arrest patients may have 5 cycles (2 minutes) of CPR prior to AED/Defibrillation
    C. Un-witnessed adult cardiac arrest patients may have 5 cycles (1 minute) of CPR prior to AED/Defibrillation
    D. A and B are both correct.

35. An AED should be used:
    A. According to the new AHA guidelines
    B. As the machine is programmed
    C. Only if it has been re-programmed
    D. Both A and B are correct

36. Your patient currently holds an Ohio DNR Comfort Care. She is having severe chest pain and S.O.B. Which of the following are permitted?
    A. Splinting/immobilization
    B. Oxygen
    C. Positioning
    D. All of the actions listed are permitted

37. A First Responder can terminate resuscitation if there is no ALS available and transport time will exceed 20 minutes.
    A. True
    B. False

2008 GMVEMSC Standing Orders
EMT-B Pretest

Disclaimer:
The pretest is not inclusive of the questions and content of the post test. You as the provider are responsible for all material contained within the appropriate Standing Orders Training Manual.

Name:_____ Date:_____

Focus Area: Airway Management:

1. To reduce the risk of right main stem intubation in an adult, what is the typical tube marking at the lips on an endotracheal tube if it is properly placed (orally)? _____

2. Acceptable ET tube placement confirmation devices for a 55 kg, 14 year old pediatric patient in cardiac arrest include:
   A. Suction catheter, BAAM, FROPVD
   B. EtCO2 Monitor, EDD
   C. Stethoscope, Pulse Oximeter, BAAM
   D. Lighted Stylet, C-collar, LMA

3. If you visualize the ETT passing the cords and there is condensation in the tube, you do not need to use a commercial device.
   A. True
   B. False

4. LMAs are appropriate devices:
   A) As a first line airway device when intubation is improbable or unsuccessful
   B) As a rescue airway for Termination of Resuscitation
   C) As a primary airway device for pediatric patients
   D) All of the above

5. An endotracheal tube has been placed in the esophagus. You utilize an Esophageal Detection Device (EDD) to confirm placement of the tube. What response from the EDD would indicate esophageal placement?
   A) None of the answers are correct
   B) Rubber bulb should not expand
   C) Rubber bulb should rapidly expand
   D) EDD is contraindicated in this situation

6. Why is a cervical collar recommended for an intubated patient?

7. List the limitations/contraindications of colorimetric ETCO2 device:

8. List the oxygen flow rate and delivery method for the following patients:
   A. Patient with a history of COPD **without** respiratory distress: _____
   B. Severe multiple trauma patient: _____
   C. Patient with mild chest pain and **no** signs of respiratory distress? _____

Focus Area: Medication Administration and Drug Bag

9. List and describe the "6 Rights" of Medication Administration
   1.
   2.
   3.
   4.
   5.
   6.

10. Match the following medication generic names to their trade names:

A.	NTG	____	2-Pam
B.	Pralidoxime	____	Albuteral
C.	Diazapam	____	Nitroglycerine
D.	Proventil	____	Valium

11. You have administered ASA 324mg to a coronary syndrome patient. Before exchanging the drug bag at the receiving hospital you should:
   A. Inventory the remaining contents of the opened pouch, apply the red seal and log the bag in using the hospital's usual procedure
   B. Apply the red seal and log the bag in using the hospital's usual procedure
   C. Place the blue seal in the pouch, apply the red seal and log the bag in using the hospital's usual procedure
   D. Inventory the entire bag and log the bag in using the hospital's usual procedure

12. The Drug Bag Discrepancy form should be completed when:
   A. Missing drugs are discovered
   B. Expired drugs are found in the pouch
   C. Meds are found in the wrong pouch
   D. All of the above

16. Describe the indications, dose, route, and any precautions/adverse reactions for Nitroglycerine:
    A. Indications:
    B. Medical Control required?
    C. Special Concerns/questions to ask:
    D. Dose:
    E. Route:
    F. Contraindications:
    G. Precautions/Side effects:

17. When completing a Drug Bag Discrepancy form, the Blue Seal should be attached if to the form if it is available
    A. True
    B. False

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    A. Indications:
    B. Medical Control Contact?
    A. Dose:
    B. Route:
    C. Contraindications:
    D. Precautions/Side Effects:

Focus Area: Pediatrics

19. List the CPR Ventilation to Compression rate for:
    A. 7 year old, one rescuer:
    B. 13 year old, one or two rescuers:
    C. 3 year old, two rescuers:
    D. 8 month old, single rescuer:
    E. 2 day old, single rescuer:

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    A. True
    B. False

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Additional Questions

46. EMT-Basics may find themselves in the presence of what can be described as a psychiatric emergency. Which of the following actions are appropriate?
    A. For violent patients, consider staging until police have assured scene safety
    B. Carefully and thoroughly search the patient for weapons
    C. Obtain previous mental health history: Suicidal or violent history, Previous psychiatric hospitalization, Location that patient receives mental health care, Medications, Recreational drugs/alcohol – amount, names
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    A. Pain Control
    B. Oxygen
    C. Positioning
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50. An EMT-B, when faced with field termination of resuscitation efforts without available ALS shall ensure they meet which of the certain criteria. List the criteria:

GREATER MIAMI VALLEY EMS COUNCIL
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Oxygen Administration

Medications

Medication

ADULT PROTOCOL SKILL EVALUATION
SUBJECT: AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS

NAME_____ DATE_____

LEVEL: _____Paramedic _____ Intermediate _____Basic ____ First Responder

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 and no defibrillator available, precordial thump.			
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: _____First Responder

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 liters per minute.			
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 liters per minute.			
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 liters/minute.			
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: _____Basic _____ First Responder

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

Note: First Responders may only assist patient with their own EpiPen. Under the direction of a Physician, the EMT-Basic may access the BLS Bag for a patient who has currently prescribed EpiPen but has outdated, damaged, or contaminated medication on hand, or does not have their own medication with them at the time of the emergency. . EMT-Intermediates may administer EpiPen if indicated to patients who do NOT have prescribed EpiPen.

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Medications

Trauma

ADULT PROTOCOL SKILL EVALUATION
SUBJECT: OROTRACHEAL INTUBATION OF THE NON-TRAUMA PATIENT

NAME_____ DATE_____

LEVEL: _____Paramedic _____ Intermediate _____Basic

STEPS	**1st Test**	**2nd Test**	**3rd Test**
A. List the indications for endotracheal intubation, with emphasis on situations in addition to cardiac arrest.			
B. List the equipment required to perform endotracheal intubation.			
C. List the potential complications of endotracheal intubation.			
D. Open the airway.			
E. Pre-oxygenate patient during preparations to intubate.			
F. Demonstrate the performance of cricoid pressure.			
G. Assemble equipment.			
H. Insert Laryngoscope			
I.. Elevate the mandible			
J. Insert the ET tube			
K Remove the stylet			
L. Document ETT at 20-22 cm at front teeth.			
M. Inflate the cuff with 5 to 10 ml. of air.			
N. Ventilate the patient.			
O. Confirm tube placement, using the End Tidal CO2 Detector for patients with a perfusing rhythm, or the Esophageal Detection Device for patients in cardiac arrest. Be able to discuss the indications and limitations of each device.			
a. *NOTE: EDDs will fill more slowly in humans than in manikins			
b. Compress EDD first, then place it on the ETT before ventilating pt.			
c. If bulb fills in <5 seconds, ETT is likely successful			
• If bulb fails to fill, or takes >5 seconds, or fills with emesis, esophageal placement is probable.			
• Contraindicated in pregnancy or children less than 5 yoa or 20 kg.			
P. Confirm tube placement with at least 3 other methods of verification and document the outcomes.			
Q. Secure tube in place & reassess placement after any movement of patient.			
R. Consider applying cervical collar to prevent extubation			

EQUIPMENT

1. Proper size Endotracheal tube
2. Stylet
3. Laryngoscope Blade & handle
4. Magill forceps
5. 10 ml. syringe
6. Suction equipment
7. Stethescope
8. Gloves & Eye protection
9. Commercial tube holder or proper taping method.
10. Confirmation Device
11. C-collar
12. Adult Intubation Manikin

When preparing for this skill evaluation, be sure that you are able to meet the objectives A, B, C, G, and O. If you need a reminder, the material is readily available in any standard textbook.

ADULT PROTOCOL SKILL EVALUATION
SUBJECT: AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS

NAME_____ DATE_____

LEVEL: _____Paramedic _____ Intermediate _____Basic ____ First Responder

STEPS	**1st Test**	**2nd Test**	**3rd Test**
A. Perform an initial assessment of the patient.			
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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 one minute if needed.			

EQUIPMENT

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PEDIATRIC PROTOCOL SKILL EVALUATION
SUBJECT: PEDIATRIC OROTRACHEAL INTUBATION

NAME_____ DATE_____

LEVEL: _____Paramedic _____ Intermediate _____Basic

STEPS	**1st Test**	**2nd Test**	**3rd Test**
A. List the indications for endotracheal intubation, with emphasis on situations in addition to cardiac arrest.			
B. List the equipment required to perform endotracheal intubation.			
C. List the potential complications of endotracheal intubation.			
D. Open the airway.			
E. Pre-oxygenate patient during preparations to intubate.			
F. Assemble equipment, selects proper size ETT and laryngoscope blade (Uses Length / Weight Based Tape)			
G. Insert Laryngoscope			
H.. Elevate the mandible			
I. Insert the ET tube			
J Remove the stylet			
K. Document ETT depth at at front teeth.			
L. Ventilate the patient.			
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O. Secure tube in place & reassess placement after any movement of patient.			
P. Consider applying cervical collar / towel roll to prevent extubation			

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3. Laryngoscope Blade & handle
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5. Suction equipment
6. Stethescope
7. Gloves & Eye protection
8. Commercial tube holder or proper taping method.
9. Confirmation Device
10. C-collar or towel roll
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Please go to page 11 for the Pediatric Skills Sheet

ADULT PROTOCOL SKILL EVALUATION
SUBJECT: MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION

NAME_____ DATE_____

LEVEL: _____Basic

STEPS – Focus is achieving the "Rights" which is expanded to six.	**1st Test**	**2nd Test**	**3rd Test**
ASPIRIN			
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**			
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F. **RIGHT DOCUMENTATION**			
NITROGLYCERIN			
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MARK I KITS			
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F. **RIGHT DOCUMENTATION**			

ADULT PROTOCOL SKILL EVALUATION
SUBJECT: INLINE OROTRACHEAL INTUBATION OF THE TRAUMA PATIENT

NAME_____ DATE_____

LEVEL: _____Paramedic _____ Intermediate _____Basic

STEPS	**1st Test**	**2nd Test**	**3rd Test**
A. List the indications for endotracheal intubation, with emphasis on situations in addition to cardiac arrest.			
B. List the equipment required to perform endotracheal intubation.			
C. List the potential complications of endotracheal intubation.			
D. Open the airway with C-Spine precautions.			
E. Pre-oxygenate patient during preparations to intubate.			
F. Demonstrate the performance of cricoid pressure.			
G. Assemble equipment.			
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e. Contraindicated in pregnancy or children less than 5 yoa or 20 kg.			
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Q. Secure tube in place & reassess placement after any movement of patient.			
R. Apply cervical collar.			

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I. DRUG BAG EXCHANGE PROGRAM

PURPOSE

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DRUG BAG EXCHANGE COMMITTEE

Co-Chairpersons:	1 Hospital EMS coordinator
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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 added to the program.
- There is an annual maintenance fee for each ALS/BLS bag and BLS bag.
- There is an approved policy for the replacement of lost or stolen drug bags (see Addendum A).
- To maintain the integrity of the drug bag contents, pharmacy departments seal stocked drug bags with a blue plastic device. The only time the seal should be broken is for the administration of pre-hospital emergency medical treatment by approved EMS personnel. After pre-hospital emergency medical treatment use, the drug bag should be cleaned and re-sealed with the red plastic device contained inside the drug bag.
- The following action will 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, i.e. city council, trustees, OMTB for private ambulance service, etc., will be notified that action is being initiated for the Fire/EMS/Private ambulance service.
    - All drug bags will be removed from all locations of said Fire/EMS/Private ambulance service.
    - The GMVEMS Council will distribute 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.
- Area hospital participation according to Council guidelines. (See Addendum C.)
- Medical advisor approval for the use of the GMVEMS Council Operating Protocols. Approval consists of 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 new medication or 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 D).
- Agreement to complete an annual skills check and annual written test between 1 January-31 May unless otherwise scheduled by Council (see Non-Compliance Procedures).
- Maintain all drugs in a clean and 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 & Intubation Equipment (only if Medical Advisor approved)
    - Submission of a copy of the annual OH State Board of Pharmacy drug license(s) for each location(s) with vehicles that carry drug bags no later than 1 February ***to GMVEMS Council***
  - ALS Provider:
    - Oxygen
    - Suction (non-powered is acceptable)
    - Monitor/Defibrillator or AED & Intubation Equipment
    - Submission of a copy of the annual OH State Board of Pharmacy drug license(s) for each location(s) with vehicles that carry drug bags no later than 1 January to GMVEMS Council**.** *Council will verify all licenses no later than January 1st.*
    - ***Submission of a copy of a current DEA license to GMVEMS Council office. It is the responsibility of the Agency to keep the DEA license current and submit a renewed copy to Council.***
    - EMS providers are required to inventory each opened pouch, discard any used sharps and clean any contaminants from bag used and apply a red seal before exchanging for replacement bag. 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 EMS provider will discard any used sharps and clean any contaminants from bag used and will then take the red seal from inside the bag (supplied by pharmacy when restocking the ALS/BLS or BLS bag) and seal the appropriate bag used. The red seal will be looped through the proximal portion of the zipper tab (not the outermost portion of the zipper tab).

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.*
- When you open a controlled drug 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. DO NOT throw blue seals in drug bag

Intermediate Level

- *A side compartment labeled "intermediate"*
  The Intermediate can access all outside compartments to obtain medications per their protocol. They cannot access the Center inside compartment or Center Controlled medication compartment.
  When you open a controlled drug 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. DO NOT throw blue seals in drug bag

Basic Life Support

- **The RED BLS compartment on a ALS/BLS bag** or BLS fanny-pack style bag will carry the following medications ONLY: Nitrostat, EpiPen, EpiPen Jr. and baby Aspirin. The Basic EMT can only access this 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.*
- DO NOT throw the blue seal in drug bag. Once you have verified the contents and seal compartment with RED tag you can then dispose of blue seal.

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/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.
- 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.
- 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.
- EMS Providers are responsible for ensuring that all blue seals are intact when logging out an exchanged bag.
- When you open a controlled drug 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. DO NOT throw blue seals in drug bag.

Documentation of Drug Usage

- Morphine, Versed and Valium are scheduled drugs, which means 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 Intermediate/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 scheduled 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

- Morphine, Versed and Valium are scheduled drugs. If a medication is partially administered then all of the unused portion must be accounted for.
- The provider shall have a nurse or physician witness the waste of the drug. 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 to witness same. If an EMT does witness the wastage, he/she shall be at the same certification level or higher.
- To insure the medications are properly accounted for, all Paramedics and Intermediates will document:
  - The drug name
  - The amount used
  - The amount wasted
  - The signature of the two witnesses
- One witness will be the paramedic or Intermediate wasting the medication and the second witness signature will be the nurse/physician/pharmacist who witnessed the disposal of the medication. Both witnesses will sign the run sheet.
- 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 scheduled 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.

GENERAL NON-COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES

- Each department and department medical director(s) will be notified that 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 skills and written test and information about individual reasons for non-compliance noted in the Standing Orders database, then appropriate action, up to and including the removal of department from the Drug Bag program by the chair of the drug bag committee, may be taken

- 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 ~~t~~hat does not provide documentation for drug license(s) renewal.
- If a department does not have a current DEA license (it is the responsibility of the EMS Department to submit a copy of the DEA renewal license when the license on file has expired), 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 ~~t~~hat 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 the 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, s/he will log the bag in using the normal procedure at that hospital.
    - S/he will advise the pharmacist or EMS Coordinator of the discrepancy and that s/he 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:
    - A controlled drug (Valium, Versed, or Morphine)
    - A stolen, missing or lost bag
    - Any medication that appears to have been altered or tampered with
- A collaborative effort between the EMS organization/provider and the Hospital EMS Coordinator/Pharmacist shall be made in an attempt to resolve the issue.
- 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 issued involving Controlled Drug or potential/suspected tampering or lost or stolen drug bags pursuant Federal and State Laws and GMVEMSC Protocol:

    - 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 GMVMESMC.

Discrepancies Not involving Controlled Drugs and/or Potential Tampering

- Examples may include:
  - Non-controlled drugs not in the bag
  - Wrong number of medications 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 (937.586.3699).
- 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:

- Will report all at the bi-annual Drug Bag Committee meetings for discussion and resolutions to discrepancies encountered.
- Will 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. When EMS opens a controlled drug 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. ***DO NOT throw used blue seals in drug bag.***

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 will then take red seal from the inside compartment (supplied by pharmacy when restocking the ALS/BLS bag and seal the appropriate bag used. 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:

1. Determine if drug bag was left at the scene.
2. Determine if drug bag was not exchanged on last run.
3. Determine if drug bag is in the wrong vehicle.
4. 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.
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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:

a. To assure 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 *& DEA* drug license 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

PO Box 2307

Dayton OH 45401-2307

Phone: 937.586.3703

Fax: 937.586.3699

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. They have provided a copy of their DEA license or proof of submission for a DEA license if agency is an intermediate or ALS agency .
4. Have been given a provisional membership by the GMVEMSC Executive Committee if the inspection is before regularly scheduled Council meeting.
5. Personnel must be checked off on Standing Orders and data entered on GMVEMSC data base.

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 emergency medical technician-paramedics, emergency medical technician-intermediates, 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 an emergency medical technician-paramedic, an emergency medical technician-intermediate 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 emergency medical technician-intermediate, 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.

2004 EMS Standing Orders Synopsis of the Greater Dayton Hospital Association/Greater Miami Valley EMS Council Policy on Emergency Department Re-routing Due to Overcrowding

To avoid misunderstanding, all parties are cautioned to use the word **"rerouting"** never "closed." Patients are never rerouted for patient's economic considerations.

Major changes from the last synopsis of the Reroute Policy are marked with an asterisk (*).

When conditions exist that may hinder the timely treatment of additional emergency cases the designated hospital official declares, "rerouting of emergency patients to be in effect." The intent is to provide for best patient care at the rerouted institution and throughout the EMS system.

Rerouting Does **Not** Apply (DNA) to**:**

1. **Respiratory/Cardiac Arrest**
2. ***Major Trauma**
3. **Serious Burns**
4. **Maternity**
5. **High Risk Neonatal**
6. ***Dialysis Patient**
7. **Hyperbaric needs**
8. **Air Medical Transport**
9. ***Recently Discharged Patients (48 Hours)**

*Psychiatric was deleted from the DNA List, and Recently Discharged Patients was added. Trauma and Dialysis Patients should NOT be rerouted. They should be taken to the hospital where they are normally treated.

When conditions exist the Designated Hospital Official will:

1. **Update GDAHA Reroute web page**
2. **Notify Dayton FD Dispatch or their appropriate county dispatch**
3. **Notify appropriate EMS organizations**
4. **Notify other hospitals**

Important: hospitals must always show correct designation on website**:**

- **"Normal Operation"**
- **"Reroute all Emergency Patients"**
- **"Reroute all but Major Trauma"**
- **"Reroute ICU &/or CCU patients Only"**
- **"Forced Open"**
- **"Reroute Emergency"**
- **Lockdown**
- **Special Situation: See website Notes or Call**

Reroute status for any hospital must be reviewed after not more than four hours. The rerouting hospital is responsible for cancellation and will update GDAHA Reroute Web Page, notify Dayton Fire Department Dispatch, and follow the same notification protocols used to initiate the reroute.

Rerouting Categories Defined

- "Reroute All Emergency Patients"
  - No patients brought to the rerouted hospital ED, with two groups of exceptions:
    - Permission of the MCP (MCP)
    - Patient is in one of the "DNA" categories
- "Reroute All But Major Trauma"
  - Used only by Trauma Centers. No patients brought to the rerouted hospital ED, with three groups of exceptions:
    - Permission of the MCP
    - Patient is in one of the "DNA" categories
    - Significant trauma
  - Intent is to permit patients needing 'immediate surgical intervention' to go to Trauma Centers
- "Reroute Intensive and/or Coronary Care Patients Only"
  - No patients who require monitoring or ICU are brought to rerouted hospital ED, unless:
    - Permission of MCP
    - Patient is in one of the "DNA" categories

- **Informational Categories**
  - Hospital not able to handle a limited category of patients
  - Examples
    - Stroke or head trauma patients due to CT Scan down
    - Haz-Mat patients
    - Absence of a physician specialty
  - Duration of reroute could be brief or extended
  - Shown on the web page as "Special Situation." Hospitals diverting these categories of patients are **not** rerouted.
  - These categories **do not** trigger "Tie-Breaker" actions
- Lockdown
  - Hospital has activated its disaster plan because of an internal emergency, bomb threat, or other situation rendering it unable to accept patients. "Home Base Hospital" and "Does Not Apply" list are both not applicable in these situations.

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 the MCP in the emergency department of the rerouted hospital and his/her decision will be binding.

If EMS transports to rerouted hospital, the patient will be attended to. Any discussion concerning the transport decision should be private, and after patient care has been initiated.

Emergency medical service personnel should use their BLS radios, cellular phone or dispatcher to notify the rerouting hospital in unusual circumstances (critical illness or injury, multi-victim incidents, etc.). If a patient is to be transported to a rerouted hospital, EMS personnel must contact the receiving facility by radio or telephone.

"Tie-Breakers"
If a three hospitals in a "geographic area" attempt to reroute, all hospitals in that area will terminate rerouting for a minimum of two hours, and each of the three hospitals enters "Forced Open" on the web page. Hospitals have agreed to educate the staff and use Forced Open first, before Reroute Emergency. This is not a change in the policy, but a change in the hospital procedures. Affected hospitals should re-notify EMS of "Forced Open" status.

EMS personnel should realize a "Forced Open" hospital would be rerouted if other hospitals were not. EMS personnel may want to **consider other destinations** when appropriate for patient care.

Following are the geographical areas and the hospitals in each area**:**

Metro	East	North	South	West
Good Samaritan Hospital **Grandview Hospital** **Kettering Memorial Hospital** **Miami Valley Hospital**	**Greene Memorial and any other two:** **Miami Valley** **Kettering** **Grandview** **Southview**	**UVMC and any other two:** **Good Samaritan** **Grandview** **Miami Valley** **Wilson Hospital in Sidney**	**Any three:** **Middletown** **Southview** **Sycamore** **Kettering**	**All three:** **Wayne Hospital** **Good Samaritan** **Grandview**

It is the responsibility of the third rerouting hospital to check the website, and initiate communication with other rerouted hospitals. If one or more hospitals stop rerouting before changes to website are made, "Tie-Breaker" rules are not initiated.

"Rerouting Emergency"
If none of the three hospitals in a geographic area can stop rerouting, then a "rerouting emergency" will be declared. During "Reroute Emergency," all squads will transport primarily to their "Home Base Hospitals," except for patients with one of the DNA categories. If responding on a mutual aid call, EMS personnel will use the aided community's "Home Base Hospital" as much as possible.

Hospitals which are not considered "Home Bases" (i.e., VA, WP, CMC, DHH) are not affected by Emergency Rerouting rules. Children's Medical Center, will accept patients up to 21 years of age (no maternity patients). Also, EMS personnel should consider transports to outlying hospitals not affected by the "Reroute Emergency" when practical. Consider the patient's needs, departmental needs (EMS out of service times), hospital situations, and patient delays.

EMS systems and their "Home Base Hospitals are as follows:

Good Samaritan Hospital	Grandview	Kettering	Miami Valley	Southview
Brookville **Clayton** **Englewood** **Union** **Dayton FD Co.'s 16 & 14** **Harrison Twp. - Main St.** **New Lebanon** **Lewisburg** **Trotwood** **West Alexandria** **North Central** **Phillipsburg**	**Butler Twp.** **DFD Co.'s 8 & 13** **Harrison Twp. – I75 & Needmore** **Huber Heights** **Vandalia**	**DFD Co.'s 15 & 18** **Kettering FD (4 units)** **Miami Twp. # 48** **Moraine (4 units)**	**DFD Co. 11** **Fairborn** **Jefferson Twp.** **Oakwood** **Riverside** **U.D. Public Safety**	**Bellbrook** **Clearcreek Twp.** **Miami Twp. # 50** **Sugarcreek (2 units)** **Washington Twp.** **Wayne Twp.**
Sycamore	Greene Memorial	Middletown	Community Hospital	Mercy Medical Cntr.
Farmersville **Miamisburg (2 units)** **Miami Twp. # 49** **West Carrollton** **Germantown** **JEMS**	**Beavercreek** **Cedarville Twp.** **Cedarville University** **Central State University** **Fairborn** **Jefferson Twp.** **Miami Twp.** **New Jasper Twp.** **Silvercreek Twp.** **Xenia** **Xenia Twp.**	**Gratis** **Lebanon** **Mason** **Turtlecreek**	**Hustead EMS** **Madison Twp.** **Harmony Twp.** **Springfield Twp. Stations 1 & 2** **Pleasant Twp.** **SFRD Medic 3, 6, 8**	**German Twp.** **New Carlisle** **Pike Twp.** **Bethel Twp.** **Springfield Twp. Station 3** **Mad River Twp.** **Moorefield Twp.** **SFRD Medic 2, 7, 10**

U.V.M.C.	Wayne	Wilson		
Miami County Squads	**Darke County Squads**	**Shelby County Squads**		
Reid	Clinton	McCullough		
Eaton **NW Fire - New Paris**	**Massie Twp**	**Camden**		

Hospitals Capabilities List

Below is a list of hospitals, and the specialty capabilities of each (Stroke, PCI, Trauma, etc.).

Hospital	Adult Trauma Center & Level	Pedi Trauma Center & Level	Inpt. Burn Servc	Interventional Cath Lab 24/7	If Cath Lab, Cardiac Alert Program	If No Cath Lab, Throm-bolytics for AMI	Labor & Delivery Srvcs	24 hr Neuro Cover-age	Stroke Protocol with Throm-bolytics	Other (see below)
Children's		Level 2	YES					YES		
Community				YES			YES	YES	YES	
Dayton Heart				YES	YES					
Good Sam				YES	YES		YES	YES	YES	
Grandview				YES	YES			YES	YES	*
Greene Memorial	Level 3					YES	YES	YES	YES	** ***
Kettering				YES	YES		YES	YES	YES	*
Mercy (Sprfld)				YES					YES	
Mercy (Urbana)						YES			YES	
Miami Valley	Level 1	Level 1	YES	YES	YES		YES	YES	YES	**
Middletown	Level 3									
Southview						YES	YES	YES	YES	* #
Sycamore						YES		YES	YES	* #
Upper Valley						YES	YES	YES		
Wayne						YES	YES			***
WPAFB						YES	YES			

*** Accredited Chest Pain Eval Center**
**** Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners 24/7**
***** Treats superficial/minor burns.**
****** Thrombolytics for stroke pts at receiving hosp. direction**
 # Has a "cardiac alert program" but no cath lab on site

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Hospitals' Guide for Public Safety Worker (PSW) Exposures

Updated 9-07 (Data subject to change-check periodically to ensure most current)

Step	9-04 Childrens	Community 9-07	DHH 6-06	9-07 GSH	9-07 GVH/SVH	GMH 9-07	9-07 KMH/SYC	MMC & MMH 9-07	MVH	MRH	Wayne 9-07
Wash Area	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Notify Supervisor	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Report to hospital	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y
Hospital Contact	NICU Charge Nurse	ED Staff -> EMS Coord	ED Staff -> EMS Coord.	ED staff, or Infection Control	ED Staff -> EMS Coord.	ED Staff -> EMS Coord.	ED Staff -> Infection Control	ED Staff -> EMS Coord	Security -> AOC	ED Charge Nurse	Infection Control
Complete "Request for Information Form for HCWs"	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Type into ED	If desired	Y	Y	If desired	Y	Y	If desired	Y	If desired	Encouraged	Y
Have ***your*** lab drawn	If source is high risk (not routine)	If Indicated	Y	If indicated	Y	Y	If desired	If indicated	If desired	If Desired	If indicated
Have ***source*** lab drawn (HIV, Hep B, Hep C)	Y	Y (Rapid HIV avail.)	Y (Rapid HIV avail.)	Y (Rapid HIV avail)	Y (Rapid HIV avail.)	Y	Y	Y	Y (Rapid HIV avail.)	Y (Rapid HIV Available)	Y
Follow-up: Consult ***YOUR*** ***Fire/EMS/Police*** Dept. policies/procedures as well	Follow dept policy	Infection Control	EMS Coord. or designee & Follow dept policy	Infection Control	EMS Coord. or designee & Follow dept policy	WorkPlus Dept	Infection Control & Follow dept policy	Infection Control	Infection Control or Admin Officer	Follow Dept. Policy	Infection Control
Comments	Infection Control Doc available 24/7 for RN contact if needed	Give form to EMS Coord. who forwards to Infection Control for follow up	EMS Coord. is to be paged 24/7 by ED or Prehospital provider	Infection control is notified of Exposure Incident by EMS coordinator	EMS Coord. is to be paged 24/7 by ED or Prehospital provider	Give form to EMS Coord. who forwards to infection control for follow-up	Infection Control to be paged 24/7 by ED	Give form to EMS Coord who forwards to Infection Control for follow up	Security page Infection Control Mon-Fri 8-4. Admin Officer to be paged at all other times including holidays	Exposure packets located by EMS radio. Anti Viral meds available in ER if needed.	Give form to Infection Control, ED Manager or House Supervisor

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PEDIATRIC PROTOCOL SKILL EVALUATION (Adult is an Optional Skill)
SUBJECT: LARYNGEAL MASK AIRWAY

NAME_____ DATE_____

LEVEL: _____Paramedic _____ Intermediate _____Basic

STEPS	1st Test	2nd Test	3rd 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. NonTrauma 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. H2O). See the instructions for appropriate volumes. Never overinflate the cuff.			
L. Ventilate & check breath sounds			
M. Confirm sufficient cuff inflation using the End Tidal CO2 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. (22lb.)	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

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Region 2 EMS Providers, September 21, 2007

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 poured input in this document. The groups have responded to changes in medication availability and have received 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 2008. The first of those is the "2008 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 websites soon.

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