



Yolo County Health and Human Services



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TO: Yolo County Providers and Agencies

FROM: Yolo County EMS Agency

SUBJECT: August 1, 2021 EMS Protocol and Policy Revisions

MEMORANDUM

On August 1, 2021 several updated protocols will go into effect for all Yolo County Providers. The Protocol App and Website will be updated to reflect all updates. It is the responsibility of each agency to ensure that their personnel receive this information.

Attached to this memo are the draft protocols and policy that go into effect on August 1, 2021; highlights include:

1. **Medical Cardiac Arrest:** Change prioritizes IV access over IO and the addition of Considerations for Pregnancy with ≥ 20 weeks gestation.
2. **Chest Pain Discomfort with Cardiac Etiology:** Removal of Nitroglycerine (NTG).
3. **Pain Management:** Addition of Ketamine IV/IO infusion.
4. **Symptomatic Bradycardia:** Change from 0.5 mg to 1 mg Atropine IV/IO and removal of Epinephrine.
5. **Spinal Motion Restriction (SMR):** Change from previous title **Spinal Injury Assessment**. Clarifies alert and cooperative patients may be allowed to self-limit motion with or without a c-collar. If backboard is used for extrication, backboard is to be removed once on the gurney for self-limited motion restriction. No further utilization of full spinal motion restriction with backboard and head-bed.
6. **Post Resuscitation Care:** Change from 0.5 mg to 1 mg Atropine IV/IO and provides operational technique for Epinephrine to ensure clear dosage.
7. **Shock:** Change provides operational technique for Epinephrine to ensure clear dosage.
8. **Policy: Focusing on Children Under Stress (FOCUS) Guideline:** Provides support to children exposed to violence or trauma through improved communication and collaboration between first responders, schools, and community resources.

Please review the additions and changes thoroughly. If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Weivoda at (530) 666-8671 or kristin.weivoda@yolocounty.org