

Summary of Changes/Revisions – 2009

Section 1 – General policies	
Crush Injury/ Hyperkalemia	Expanded protocol to include special circumstance of dialysis patients with s/s of hyperkalemia.
Smoke Inhalation/ CO Monitoring	Expand protocol to include indications and use of a carbon monoxide monitor.
Section 2 – Adult policies	
Altered Level of Consciousness	Deleted reference to ‘Draw Blood’ from first box in the treatment algorithm.
Medications	Deleted diazepam from formulary. Added initial dose for IV/ IO midazolam for seizure. Deleted lasix from formulary.
Pulmonary Edema	Removed lasix from treatment algorithm.
Return of Spontaneous Circulation	Corrected drip rate information for post-resuscitation amiodarone drip.
Seizure	Deleted diazepam from treatment algorithm. Added IV/ IO midazolam dosage.
Section 3 – Pediatric policies	
Altered Level of Consciousness	Added Dextrose 10% to treatment algorithm for use in patients under the age of 4 weeks.
Pediatric Dose Chart	Added initial dose for IV/ IO midazolam for seizure.
Seizure	Deleted diazepam from treatment algorithm. Added IV/ IO midazolam dosage.
Section 4 – Operational policies	
Death in the Field	Added information regarding the standardized <i>Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST)</i> form as the preferred DNR document.
Psychiatric/ Behavioral Emergencies	Added a new policy to provide personnel with
Section 5 - Procedures	
Advanced Airway Management	Deleted Combitube from policy. Added King-LTD [®] to policy. Changed terminology of ‘rescue airway’ to ‘supraglottic airway’. Moved capnography/ capnometry to the top of the list of confirmation devices. Eliminated EDD as a confirmation device.
CPAP	Added Boussignac [®] disposable CPAP device to list of approved CPAP devices.
Impedance Threshold Device	Added a new procedure detailing use of the Impedance Threshold Device (ResQPOD).
Spinal Immobilization	Expanded treatment algorithm to include more detail regarding the neurologic exam
Section 6 – MCI/ Disaster/ WMD	
Section title	Changed the title of this section to be more inclusive of the types of policies located in it.
Decontamination Incident	Added new policy regarding when and how to decontaminate a patient involved in a haz-mat incident
Disaster Cache, MCI, Haz-Mat	All of these policies were moved to the newly titled <i>MCI/ Disaster/ WMD</i> section