



Virginia Beach Department of Emergency Medical Services



MEDICAL DIRECTION

MEDICAL PROTOCOL POLICY

PURPOSE: The purpose of this policy is to provide for the establishment of a standardized manual of medical procedures and authorized treatment protocols for administering aid to patients.

APPLICABILITY: The medical protocol policy shall apply to all patient care providers in the Department of Emergency Medical Services.

POLICY STATEMENT: It shall be the policy of the Department to adopt a medical protocol manual as authorized by the Operational Medical Director.

REQUIRED CONTENT

The protocols shall include a clear delineation of scope of practice for the following level of medical members:

1. Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
2. Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT)
3. Intermediate (INT)
4. Paramedic (PM)

The medical protocol manual shall be consistent with state and local statutory and regulatory requirements.

The medical protocol manual shall include documentation of physician authorization.

All medical protocols will be reviewed at least every four years and more often when there are widely accepted scientific changes (e.g. American Heart Association guideline revisions).

USE OF REGIONAL PROTOCOLS

Provided that the regional medical protocols meet the requirements outlined above and are approved by the Operational Medical Director, the Department may adopt the Tidewater Regional EMS Council Medical Protocols as the local medical protocol document. Any additions or deletions for local usage shall be clearly documented as addendums to this policy document.

MEMBER COMPLIANCE

All members who are certified to the EMT, AEMT, INT, and PM levels shall adhere to the current principles and practices as outlined as the standard of care for each level in the manual referred to above.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

A copy of the medical protocol manual shall be maintained on either the Department of Emergency Medical Services or Tidewater Emergency Medical Council's website.

This policy shall become effective upon approval of the Operational Medical Director and the Chief of EMS.

ORDERED:



01/25/2017

EMS Chief

Date



01/25/2017

Stewart W. Martin, MD Date
Operational Medical Director