

SPEMS Protocol Changes
Advanced EMT (AEMT)
4/1/22 to 3/31/24

PROTOCOL CHANGES

- **New Format**
 - Protocols are now broken down into sections to make navigation easier
 - Joined like-components into same section
 - Expanded table of contents
- **Every Page**
 - Changed dates at bottom of each page to 4/1/2023
- **Cover Page**
 - Signature with April 1, 2023 date
 - Protocols will expire March 31, 2024
- **Page B-2 Medical Direction Authorization**
 - Removed the paragraph: “All SPEMS providers must use an approved standard run report form/software, with copies of all reports submitted manually or electronically to the SPEMS Medical Director through the SPEMS office by the 10th of each month.”
 - Added “of the individual and” the individual’s EMS Service Provider to keep records of the individual EMS...etc.
- **Page C-1, #4 Infection Control**
 - Changed “should” to “are strongly encouraged to”
- **Page D-5 Pain Management for Traumatic Injuries**
 - Decreased the transport time to > 10 minutes (rather than > 20 minutes)
 - Removed the statement regarding IV Acetaminophen cannot be used for fever as there is now a provision in the Fever/Sepsis algorithm to allow its use for Fever if the patient cannot swallow oral meds.
 - Still states that “**IV Acetaminophen CANNOT** be given for any other pain without approval of on-line medical direction”
- **Page K-6 Signature Page**
 - Date changed to 4/1/2023
 - EMS Director **MUST** sign
- **Throughout Treatment Algorithms**
 - Changed the date on the bottom to read 04/01/2023
 - Reference page numbers changed to reflect new format

Page 1 Burns

- Changed IV Acetaminophen box to lower transport time to > 10 minutes (rather than 20 minutes)
- In pediatric dose box, changed IV Acetaminophen box on bottom left to lower transport time to > 10 minutes (rather than 20 minutes)

Page 3 Trauma (Continued)

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Page 13 Allergic Reaction:

- Add box that states “**Benadryl 50mg IV**” after the Epinephrine administration box
 - Patients with BP<90 should receive Epinephrine 1:1,000 and then Benadryl

Page 16 (Fever-Sepsis Algorithm)

- Add section allowing for **IV Acetaminophen** administration for fever of 100.4 or higher IF the patient has altered LOC and is unable to swallow

- ONLY if transport time is > 10 minutes
- Pediatric dosage for **IV Acetaminophen** shown in pediatric box

COVID-19 ADDENDUM CHANGES

Changed to “Known or Suspected Respiratory Virus Illness”

- Expanded the use to include:
 - COVID-19
 - RSV
 - Flu
- Removed the section about “covert” radio report
- Remains affixed to all levels of Protocols

PROTOCOL SUPPLEMENT CHANGES:

- **Throughout Supplement**
 - Date of 4/1/2023 throughout
- **Page S-4 IV Acetaminophen**
 - Reflects change of transport times (> 10 minutes)
 - Reflects allowable usage by AEMTs and Paramedics for fever management (>100.4° F.) of patients with altered LOC and are unable to swallow ONLY if transport time is > 10 minutes
- **Page S-20 Fentanyl**
 - Shows usage for cardiac chest pain for hypotensive patients (< 90mmHg SBP) at 50mcg