

**SPEMS Protocol Changes**  
**Emergency Care Attendant (ECA)**  
**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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 K-4 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
- **No Other Changes to Treatment Algorithms**

**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