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# IMPORTANT: PROTOCOL MODIFICATIONS & ADDITIONS

Date: September 24, 2008  
 To: Regional Agencies  
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 Re: Protocol Modifications

This month, the Medical Control Review Committee moved to modify the Prehospital Standard Patient Treatment Protocols as indicated in the table below. The Council was able to get the updates to the printer before the field guides went to press, therefore the field guides will not need to be updated once they are printed and distributed to regional agencies.

The complete protocol document, found exclusively on the Council's website, has been updated with the following changes.

Page	Location	Modification
42	Protocol 4.4 – Chest Pain (non-traumatic), line 13	Metoprolol for STEMI has been changed to a <b>[Medical Control]</b> drug.
44	Protocol 4.5 – Combative Patient, line 1	<i>“or number of personnel present”</i> has been deleted.
44	Protocol 4.5 – Combative Patient, line 10	Added: <i>“Must be performed under the direction of law enforcement at the scene. See key points.”</i>
44	Protocol 4.5 – Combative Patient, lines 10a, 10b, 10c	The following line has been deleted: a. One person per limb plus head (5 minimum)  The following lines have been moved to 'Key Points': b. Restrain in the supine or left lateral recumbent position. DO NOT “hobble”, “hog-tie” or “sandwich” between backboards. c. Ensure method of restraint does not affect breathing or circulation and move to chemical restraint as soon as possible.
52	Protocol 4.11 – Nausea – Vomiting, line 7	Added repeat IV dose of Zofran in 5 minutes, if needed.
85	Protocol 4.29 – Trauma Triage, line 5	Changed first sentence from: <i>“If the patient is located within 15 minutes of the closest hospital, transport the patient directly to the closest hospital.”</i> to <b><i>“If treatment (see #2), extrication, and transport to the closest hospital can occur within 15 minutes, transport the patient directly to the closest hospital.”</i></b>
85	Protocol 4.29 – Trauma Triage, line 6	Changed line from: <i>“If a patient is located more than 15 minutes from the closest hospital, attempt to rendezvous...”</i> to <b><i>“If treatment (see #2), extrication, and transport to the closest hospital can NOT occur within 15 minutes, attempt to rendezvous...”</i></b>

Page	Location	Modification
85	Protocol 4.29 – Trauma Triage, line 7	<i>Changed second sentence from: “If a helicopter has been dispatched to the scene and the patient is ready for transport, divert the helicopter to the closest hospital and transport the patient to that hospital. If ALS support is en route for a rendezvous, do not wait on the ALS personnel.” to “<b>If a helicopter has been dispatched to the scene and the patient is ready for transport, divert the helicopter to the closest hospital or an alternate landing zone and transport the patient to that hospital or landing zone (see #6).</b>”</i>
144	Protocol 6.21 – Metoprolol	Metoprolol for STEMI has been changed to a <b>[Medical Control]</b> drug.
151	Protocol 6.27 – Ondansetron	Added repeat IV dose of Zofran in 5 minutes, if needed.

The changes are effective immediately. If you have any questions about these protocol modification and additions, please contact the CSEMS Council.