

Summary of Emergency Treatment Guideline Changes 2008

A1 EMS Drug Formulary

New addition: Acetaminophen A1-2

Revised: Bradycardias A1-7

- bradycardias: 0.5 mg IV bolus q 3 - 5 minutes prn to maximum total dose of 3 mg

Under Asystole

- asystole: 1.0 mg IV push q 3 - 5 minutes prn to maximum total dose of 3 mg

Under Slow PEA

- slow PEA: 1.0 mg IV push q 3 - 5 minutes if needed to maximum total dose of 3 mg

Rationale: Reflects ACLS Guidelines

Revised: Diazepam(Valium) A1-9, under how supplied

- 10 mg / 2 ml ampules or vials

Rationale: Diazepam is supplied in 2ml ampules

Revised: Dimenhydrinate A1-10, under Class

- antinauseant, anticholinergic

Rationale: Incorrectly classified as a antihistamine

Revised: Epinephrine A1-12, under how supplied

- auto-injector Epipen © 1.0 mg/ml (1:1,000) designed to deliver 0.3 mg
- auto-injector Epipen Jr© 0.5 mg/ml (1:2,000) designed to deliver 0.15 mg

Rationale: incorrect information

A17 Tubes Maintenance

Revised: page 2 under - EMS must not transport any IV which:

- is in a patient that is less than 10 years of age, except in accordance with the Infusion Pump Maintenance protocol

Rationale: Inexperienced personnel administering IV fluids without in infusion pump to small children may cause fluid overload

G2 Scope and Function

reworded and moved from CPR guideline

- all personnel are required to recertify in BLS for Healthcare Providers on a yearly basis

G17 Medical First Response

New Guideline

G20 Controlled Substances

Page 5 removed as information not available

- “see appendix to this section”

Rationale: no form available

M5B Acute Stroke Management

New Guideline

The following Treatment Guidelines have been reformatted into flowcharts. Information that was educational in nature and consistently available in a number of recognized EMS texts was removed. Duplicate information was also removed. The medical content remains unchanged.

G3 – Scene Assessment

G4 – Triage

G5 – Primary Survey

G6 – Shock

G7 – Load & GO

G8 – Secondary Survey

G9 – Unconscious Patient

G10 A – Obstructed Airway Adult & Child

G10 B – Obstructed Airway Infant

G11 – Airway Management

G12 – Dyspnea & Respiratory Distress

G13 – Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation

G15 – Determination of Death

G22 – Automated External Defibrillation