

San Francisco EMS Agency
Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee
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Summary of Proposed Policy & Protocol Revisions

Drafts of the policies and protocols listed can be found below or attached to this revision summary. For existing documents that are being revised, changes mentioned in the Description of Updates will be highlighted in yellow.

SECTION	Type	DESCRIPTION OF UPDATES
3.01 Bites/Stings/Envenomation	Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALS Treatment – added text “follow Protocol 2.09 Pain Control” • ALS Treatment – added text “...follow Protocol 2.09 Pain Control” • ALS Treatment Comments – added text “if a tourniquet is already in place, do not remove it until you are ready to treat and resuscitate the patient as a rapid decompensation can occur”
7.12 Vascular Access w/IO	Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removed some indications (unresponsive, apneic) and added some wording to other indications • Added contraindications • Removed ‘preferred’ from procedure • Reordered humeral site before proximal tibia due to faster uptake of medications and fluid resuscitation • Removed ‘notes’ section • Minor grammatical fixes
8.03 Dysrhythmia: Bradycardia (Peds)	Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added language in BLS treatment section • Removed some language in BLS treatment section • Added some language in ALS treatment sections • Removed some language in ALS treatment section • Added some language in Comments section • Removed some language in Comments section
8.07 Cardiac Arrest: VF/Pulseless VT	Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on feedback at EMS provider medical directors meeting, protocol name shortened • Added some language in BLS Treatment section • Added some language in ALS Treatment section
8.08 Poisoning and Overdose (Peds)	Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added some language in the BLS Treatment section • Added some language in the ALS treatment section • Added new section Treatment Options Based on Type of Substance • Added language in Known or Suspected Opiates section • Added language in Antipsychotics with Extrapryramidal Reaction Syndrome section • Added language in Organophosphates section

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added language in Tricyclic Antidepressants section • Added language in Base Hospital Contact Criteria section • Added language in Comments section
8.09 Respiratory Distress (Peds)	Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removed some language in BLS treatment section • Added some language in BLS treatment section • Removed some language in ALS treatment section • Added some language in ALS treatment section
8.10 Seizure (Peds)	Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added language to BLS treatment section • Removed language from BLS treatment section • Added language to ALS treatment section • Removed language from ALS treatment section • Removed language from the Base Hospital Contact Criteria
9.01 Trauma (Peds)	Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added some language in BLS treatment section • Added some language in ALS treatment section • Added Comments section and language to that section • Clarified language in Base Hospital Contact Criteria section
9.02 Burns (Peds)	Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added some language to the BLS Treatment section • Removed some language in BLS treatment section • Added some language to the ALS Treatment section • Removed some language in ALS treatment section • Added some language in Base Hospital Contact Criteria section • Removed some language in Base Hospital Contact Criteria section • Added language and images to the Calculating Body Surface Area section
Section 13 Community Paramedicine and Triage to Alternate Destination	Policy/Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMSAC review due to Immediate Release under Policy 1000 • Minor update for last minute CP/TAD program implementation requirement by state
14.1 Lorazepam	NEW Medication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New medication due to severe medication shortage of midazolam
2050 Paramedic Accreditation	Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMSAC review due to Immediate Release under Policy 1000 • Minor update for last minute CP/TAD program implementation
4043 EMS Use Physical Restraints	Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor update reflecting EMS Provider request