

San Francisco EMS Agency
Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee
July 30, 2024

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
5000-Destination	Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added destination decision in section 4 • Added pediatric destination decision in section 6.5 • Added last seen normal timeframe for stroke patients in section 6.7 • Added Psychiatric destination and reporting in section 6.11.2.1 and 6.11.3
2.17-Hyperkalemia	Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Created algorithm • Added visual example of “sine” wave • Updated prioritization of Calcium Chloride administration for ECG changes • Updated Sodium Bicarbonate administration for both ECG and non ECG changes • Updated language emphasizing flushing IV line where Calcium Chloride and Sodium Bicarbonate are given
14.1 Calcium Chloride	Protocol/Medication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated dosage • Added IV line flushing
14.1 Sodium Bicarbonate	Protocol/Medication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added Hyperkalemia and crush syndrome in indications • Updated dosage
2.04 Cardiac Arrest	Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated Hyperkalemia in reversible causes • Removed “do not perform CPR” in LVAD patients • Added perform manual or mechanical CPR in LVAD patients • Removed specific LVAD brands
2.18 Opioid Withdrawal		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated COWS
14.1 Buprenorphine and Naloxone	Protocol/Medication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removed contacting base hospital • Updated COWS
7.14 Reporting Assault/Abuse	Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Including Human Trafficking in protocol title • Added signs of possible human trafficking section • Added reporting and documentation of suspicion of human trafficking
7.06 Thoracostomy	Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removed Heimlich or one way valve under “Equipment” • Removed Heimlich or one way valve under “Procedure”
2.03 Altered Mental Status	Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Created algorithm • Added language in BLS section • Added dosage of medications • Added current protocols where treatment does not fall under 2.03 (e.g shock, sepsis, stroke etc...)

11.04 Field Amputation	Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Created algorithm • Added multiple language in BLS section • Added multiple language in ALS section including care of amputated limb (s) • Added field roles under team guidelines (Physicians Only) • Added language under "Training Requirements"
2.08 Tachycardia	Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added "regular" under narrow stable narrow complex • <i>This protocol needs a full review at a later time-minor wording change</i>
8.05 Neonatal Resuscitation	Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated blood glucose level to <45mg/dl • <i>This protocol needs a full review at a later time-minor wording change</i>
8.10 Pediatric Seizure	Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated neonatal blood glucose with proposed protocol 8.05 update • Removed IV Glucagon if unable to establish an IV • Added base hospital contact if additional Midazolam is need beyond maximum dose
8.12 Pediatric Pain Control	Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated Fentanyl maximum dose from "100 mcg" to a "total of 4 doses" • Added splinting language in BLS section • Added ODT Ondansetron dosage and preferred in children