

EMS Protocols



INTRODUCTION

The following protocols have been written to unify and simplify the roles of the various levels of EMS personnel in the field.

The format has been written to provide historical information, as well as step-wise care instructions.

The EMS provider is expected to be responsible for all the steps in the delivery of care up to the level of training they hold. For example, an EMT Intermediate is expected to have followed all outlined care up to and including the EMT Intermediate section. If your specific endorsement level is not listed you are expected to practice up to the next lower level of skill AND NOT BEYOND.

Protocols have been structured around the New 2006 State of Montana EMS protocols, Current ACLS protocols, ATLS protocols, PALS protocols and the most recent medical literature.

The protocols have been reviewed and edited by area medical directors and specialist in specific categories.

These protocols represent a template for the care of the sick and injured and in no way should be used like a cookbook approach. The care of a patient requires individualized clinical assessment and treatment.

The EMS provider should always administer rapid assessment, treatment, and expedient transport to the hospital. Scene times are to be kept to a minimum.

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