

Weld County EMS Protocol Update Letter



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To: All EMS providers practicing under Dr. Lowe, Weld County Medical Director.

Dr. Lowe and the Weld County EMS Research and Implementation Committee have approved the following changes to the Weld County EMS Medical Protocols. This revision will be live July 15, 2015. All agencies and personnel operating under these protocols should review and train on the protocol changes.

Protocol	Section Number	Updates Made 07/15/2015
• Table of Contents	001	Updated with all revisions and dates
• Cardiac Arrest - Medical	307	Updated the King Tube language to prevent removing a King Tube that is functioning properly
• Amputations	402	Removed "last resort" from tourniquet placement
• Burns	403	Updated fluid bolus information
• Head Injuries	407	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changed the language to elevate head instead of elevate long spine board to fall in line with the spinal motion restriction protocol • Added capnography
• Spinal Injury Assessment	408	Complete revision to clarify spinal clearance versus spinal motion restriction
• Trauma Team Activation	411	Added language for "Anticoagulation Alert" instead of limited trauma alert for patients with isolated head injuries from a single level fall who are taking a prescribed blood thinner.
• Epinephrine	514	Corrected routes of administration
• Oxygen	526	Added language to stress the importance of titrating oxygen administration to maintain pulse oximetry level between 94% to 99% for all patients.
• Section 704 - 709	704-709	Renumbered to accommodate Supraglottic Airway protocol instead of King Tube Protocol
• Airway – Supraglottic Airway	709	Changed King Tube protocol to Supraglottic Airway protocol
• Operational Capnography	722	Complete revision to match current practice and science
• Vascular Access I O – EZ -IO	736	Added additional secondary site of insertion (humeral head)
• Section 804-813	804-813	Renumbered to accommodate New Mass Casualty Triage protocol
• Mass Casualty Triage	804	New protocol
• Physician Involvement On Scene Policy	806	Added language about Medical Director or designee involvement on scene
• Capnography Education	901	New - Education information on Capnography