

Weld County EMS Protocol Update Letter



Date: December 15, 2016

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 December 15, 2016. All agencies and personnel operating under these protocols should review and train on the protocol changes.

Protocol	Old Section Number	New Section Number	Updates Made 12/15/2016
Table of Contents	001	001	1. Updated with all revisions and dates
Alcohol Intoxication	N/A	303	1. New protocol
Allergies / Anaphylaxis	303	304	1. Section number change
Altered Mental Status	304	305	1. Section number change
Autonomic Hyperreflexia	305	306	1. Section number change
Behavioral Disorders	306	307	1. Section number change
Cardiac Arrest: Medical	307	308	1. Section number change
Chest Pain: Medical	308	309	1. Section number change
Childbirth: Emergencies	309	310	1. Section number change
Childbirth: Uncomplicated	310	311	1. Section number change
CVA: Cerebrovascular Accidents	311	312	1. Section number change
Diabetic Emergencies	312	313	1. Section number change
Dive Emergencies	N/A	314	1. New Protocol
Pain Management	N/A	315	1. New Protocol
Poisonings & Overdoses	313	316	1. Section number change
Respiratory Emergencies	314	317	1. Section number change
Seizures	315	318	1. Section number change
Sepsis	N/A	319	1. New Protocol
Shock	316	320	1. Section number change

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Syncope	317	321	1. Section number change
Nitroglycerin	525	525	1. Added contraindication: Patient taking the medication Adempas.
Terbutaline	531	531	1. Added IM route of administration
Patient assisted Nitroglycerin	604	604	1. Added contraindication: Patient taking the medication Adempas.
Cardiac Monitor – 12 Lead	716	716	1. Change language in second bullet of diagnostic to: ST Segment elevation of more than one (1) mm in two (2) or more contiguous leads WITHOUT THE PRESENCE OF A LEFT BUNDLE BRANCH BLOCK is indicative of an acute myocardial infarction in that area of the heart. ** Use chart above**
Left Ventricular Assist Device - LVAD	N/A	725	1. New Protocol
Medication Administration	725	726	1. Section number change
Nasogastric Insertion	726	727	1. Section number change
Pulse Oximetry Monitoring	727	728	1. Section number change
Splinting - Extremities	728	729	1. Section number change
Splinting - Spinal Motion Restriction	729	730	1. Section number change
Suctioning - Endotracheal	730	731	1. Section number change
Suctioning - Pharyngeal	731	732	1. Section number change
Taser Probe Removal	732	733	1. Section number change
Vascular Access - Existing Central I.V.	733	734	1. Section number change
Vascular Access - I.O. - EZ IO	734	735	1. Section number change
Vascular Access - I.O. - Jam Shidi	735	736	1. Section number change
Vascular Access - I.V. Buff Cap	736	737	1. Section number change

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Vascular Access - I.V. External Jugular	737	738	1. Section number change
Vascular Access - I.V. Peripheral	738	739	1. Section number change
Medical Refusals Policy	805	805	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Changed the language in the Policy Statement to read: All patients should sign a refusal form. If the patient is not willing to sign a refusal form, the responding medical crews will complete the appropriate documentation. This is to include assessment findings and all pertinent information describing the patient's refusal. 2. Added language under "Refusals may be issued without ALS intervention for the following patients": Diabetic patients who are alert & oriented after correction of hypoglycemia with oral glucose or IV Dextrose administration who meet the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Not currently taking oral diabetic medication ○ Have a competent adult to monitor them when EMS clear scene ○ Can eat /drink 3. Changed the last bullet of the protocol to read: All refusals will have a patient care report form and refusal form completed. These forms should be kept on file with the agency involved.
Frontier Cullen Protocol	N/A	1001	1. New Protocol