

# 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 December 15, 2014. All agencies and personnel operating under these protocols should review and train on the protocol changes.

Protocol	Section Number	Updates Made 12-15-2014
• <b>Table of Contents</b>	001	Updated with all revisions and dates
• Patient Assessment	201	Completely revised to a flow chart format.
• Adrenal Insufficiency (Addisonian Crisis)	302	Grammar corrections
• Burns	403	Changed language to allow oral and nasal endotracheal intubation early. Removed Hi-Lo Evac tube use because of nasal intubation
• Crush Injury	405	New Protocol
• Environmental Emergencies	406	Changed section number to 406 Hyperthermia – Added Versed to considerations of administration to control shivering
• Sections 407 - 412	407-412	Changed Sections numbers
• Ativan	505	Changed direct order (DO) to standing order (SO) for second dose of 1.0 – 2.0 mg in seizure patients. Added control of shivering in hyperthermia.
• Fentanyl	516	Removed contraindication of full trauma activation. Removed contraindication of clinically suspected head, chest or abdominal injury. Added severe pain secondary to abdominal injury. Changed language for indication to trauma / injury.
• Glucagon	517	Changed from direct order (DO) to standing order (SO) for esophageal obstruction.
• Phenylephrine (Neo-Synephrine)	527	New protocol.
• Sodium Bicarbonate	528	Added crush injury to indications and added dosing crush injury. Changed tricyclic overdose use from direct order (DO) to standing order (SO) for first dose. Second dose must be direct order (DO) form base physician or Poison Control.
• Sections 529 – 537	529-537	Changed Section numbers.
• Mini-Doses Page	537	Updated with changes and changed Section number.
• Airway – Cricothyrotomy	702	Changed language to reflect any emergency Cricothyrotomy kit. Added contraindication for younger than age 8.
• Poison Control Policy	806	New protocol.
• Section 807 – 812	807-812	Changed Section numbers.
• Scope of Practice	810	Updated to reflect all changes and changed Section number.