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Emergency Update to the Weld County Protocols

Protocols Updated on October 1, 2014

The Spinal Immobilization protocol in Section 730 was changed to Spinal Motion Restriction per Doctor Lowe. The following protocols were affected slightly by the change:

1. Table of Contents – Section 001 – Updated revision dates
2. Section 401 – Abdominal Trauma – Procedures – Updated to reflect Spinal Motion Restriction
3. Section 404 – Chest Trauma – Procedures – Updated to reflect Spinal Motion Restriction
4. Section 406 – Head Injuries – Procedures – Updated to reflect Spinal Motion Restriction
5. Section 407 – Spinal Injury Clearance – Updated to reflect Spinal Motion Restriction
6. Section 409 – Trauma – Blunt/Penetrating / Blunt Trauma: Updated to reflect Spinal Motion Restriction
7. Section 410 – Trauma Team Activation – Limited Trauma Team Activation/Falls/Child/ “> 15 feet or 3x patient height” – changed to “10 feet or 2-3x patient’s height”
8. Section 702 – Airway: Cricothyrotomy – Updated to reflect Spinal Motion Restriction
9. Section 703 – Airway: Hi Lo Evac – Updated to reflect Spinal Motion Restriction
10. Section 706 – Airway: Nasal Intubation - Updated to reflect Spinal Motion Restriction
11. Section 708 – Airway: Oral Intubation - Updated to reflect Spinal Motion Restriction
12. Section 730 – Spinal Immobilization changed to Spinal Motion Restriction with complete revision of the protocol
13. Section 809 – Scope of Practice - Updated to reflect Spinal Motion Restriction

All protocols have been updated and sent to Jeff Schannahals at the NCRETAC to get them up on the website. www.ncretac.org