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**TO:** BASE HOSPITAL COORDINATORS  
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**SUBJECT:** NEW POLICIES and CLARIFICATIONS/UPDATES OF EXISTING EMS DOCUMENTS

Typically, the Orange County EMS Agency reviews, updates, and edits its policies, procedures, and standing orders on a biannual basis. New policies may also be added. These activities occurred in April of 2021. From time to time, the agency may also need to issue updates on an impromptu basis, as such actions can't wait until the next cycle. This also occurred in July of 2021. It is now time to publish our next scheduled update. I am listing, immediately below, the documents that will be added to the Upcoming section of our website (<https://www.ochalthinfo.com/ems>) for October 1, 2021.

For this particular cycle only, however, those documents previously posted in the April and July update will remain in the Upcoming section for an addition 6 months. In other words, all the following polices, procedures, and standing orders listed in this letter will remain as optional until April 1, 2022. Agencies, providers, and businesses will not be required to implement these new directives until then. I am placing those documents previously placed in the Upcoming section here again as a reminder.

## OCTOBER 1, 2021 EMS UPDATES

### POLICY

310.30 Trauma Triage: On page 2 under C. Mechanism of Injury, "Hanging" was added

as an indication for triage to a trauma center. In the same section, “motorcycle crash greater than 20 mph” was expanded to “unenclosed motorized vehicle crash greater than 20 mph” for same indication.

310.31 Trauma Triage Algorithm: Blunt or Penetrating Injury: Same changes made as discussed in 310.30.

## PROCEDURES

PR-05 Airway Management: Tracheostomy Special Situations: Entire policy is re-written with special emphasis on new approach to managing pediatric tracheostomy patients.

## STANDING ORDERS

SO-E-10 Diving – Decompression Sickness/Air Embolism – Adult/Adolescent: Updated seizure treatment with midazolam changing dose and route of administration to 10 mg IM.

SO-M-50 Substance Overdose/Poisoning – Adult/Adolescent: Updated seizure treatment with midazolam changing dose and route of administration to 10 mg IM.

SO-O-10 Hypertensive Disorders of Pregnancy: Added monitoring of end tidal CO<sub>2</sub> if available. Updated seizure treatment with midazolam changing dose and route of administration to 10 mg IM.

## **JULY 1, 2021 EMS UPDATE (previously posted)**

### POLICY

200.00 Licensed EMS Medical Transportation Providers

240.30 Orange County Specialty Services

300.10 OC-MEDS Clinical Documentation Standards

300.20 OC-MEDS System Management and Support

300.30 OC-MEDS EMS Provider Prehospital Care Reporting & Data Submission Process

300.50 Emergency Receiving/Specialty Center Data Reporting Criteria

325.00 Advanced Life Support (ALS) Provider Unit Minimum Inventory

600.00 Emergency Receiving Center Criteria

- 600.10      Emergency Receiving Center – Resource Listing
- 620.00      Trauma Center (TC) Criteria
- 620.01      Pediatric Trauma Center (PedTC) Criteria
- 630.00      Cardiovascular Receiving Center Criteria
- 650.00      Stroke-Neurology Receiving Center Criteria
- 680.00      Comprehensive Children’s Emergency Receiving Center Designation Criteria

**STANDING ORDERS**

- I-15          Adult/Adolescent Standing Order Drug Guide.
- I-20          Pediatric Medication Volume Dose by Weight
- SO-M-040    Seizure/Convulsion – Adult/Adolescent
- SO-P-75      Seizure/Convulsion – Pediatric

**APRIL 1, 2021 EMS UPDATES (previously posted)**

**POLICY**

- 310.00      911 ALS Standing Order, Transport Criteria
- 310.96      Guidelines for Diversion, APOT Standard
- 330.15      ALS Treatment without Base Hospital Contact, Patient not on Scene
- 330.40      First Responder Use of AEDs
- 330.51      Do-Not-Resuscitate, End of Life Options

**STANDING ORDERS**

- SO-C-10:    Adult/Adolescent Cardiopulmonary Arrest
- SO-C-20:    Adult/Adolescent Symptomatic Bradycardia
- SO-FR-003: Automated External Defibrillation (AED)
- SO-P-40:    Pediatric Cardiopulmonary Arrest