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SUBJECT: ADDITION OF NEW EMS DOCUMENTS AND
CLARIFICATIONS/UPDATES OF EXISTING DOCUMENTS

The Orange County EMS Agency reviews, updates, and makes additions to its policies, procedures, and standing orders on a biannual basis. The EMS Agency has recently completed this task for the April 1 release. Clarifications and updates have been made to documents so they reflect current standards and practice. The documents are listed below. A brief description adjacent to each document identifier summarizes the changes made. They will be posted to the website in early March. Please see our website at <http://www.healthdisasteroc.org/ems> for the newly edited versions which will be listed under the "Upcoming Policy and Standing Orders for April 1, 2020" tab.

DOCUMENTS FOR APRIL 1 EMS UPDATES

STANDING ORDERS

- SO-E-05 Adult/Adolescent Burn (change language describing burn character from "hot" to "symptomatic")
- SO-P-25 Pediatric Amputation Injuries (standardize maximum dose language for fentanyl and morphine)
- SO-P-30 Pediatric Crush Injury (standardize maximum dose language for fentanyl and morphine)
- SO-P-60 Pediatric Allergic Reaction/Anaphylaxis (standardize maximum diphenhydramine dose at 50 mg)
- SO-P-95 Pediatric Burns (standardize maximum dose language for fentanyl and morphine)

SO-M-50 Adult Overdose/Poisoning (for organophosphate exposure, change "Guideline" B-35 to "Procedure" B-35)

POLICY

200.00 EMS Medical Transportation Providers (adding Emergency and Premiere as IFT- ALS providers and removing PRN)
210.00 911 Paramedic Service Providers (removal of Garden Grove Fire Department from the list)
310.00 911 ALS Base Contact, Standing Orders (add language requiring BH contact for cases of field helicopter transport to ERCs)
325.00 ALS Provider Minimum Inventory (deleted Policy 325.20 and incorporated it into 325.00. Now lists required and optional inventory for 911 and IFT ALS providers)
777.00 IFT-ALS Service Provider Criteria (clarified language regarding licensure vs. designation, replaced reference to 325.20 with 325.00, clarified expectations for non-compliance)

PROCEDURES – ALS & BLS

B-025 BLS Provider Assisting with Aspirin for Chest Pain/Cardiac Ischemia [change language from "two" baby (81 mg) tablets to "four" so it matches SO-C-15]
PR-04 APGAR Score (removed language referring to use of bulb syringe)
PR-030 Endotracheal Intubation (Including ETCO2) [add supraglottic airway language and need for quantitative ETCO2]

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