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TO: BASE HOSPITAL COORDINATORS
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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 October 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 October. Please see our website at http://www.healthdisasteroc.org/ems for the newly edited versions. Due to disruptions related to COVID-19, we were not able to post these earlier.

DOCUMENTS FOR OCTOBER 1 EMS UPDATES

STANDING ORDERS


SO-P-85: Substance Overdose/Poisoning. Added language (bullet point number 5) clarifying that all drugs in the standing order can be given IO.

SO-T-10: Traumatic Cardiopulmonary Arrest. Added language that the use of epinephrine in obvious traumatic cardiopulmonary arrest is not
indicated. **Posted August 2020 per Fire EMS Advisory Group recs.**

**POLICY**

310.10 911 Dispatched Patient Transport. Added language to the last section VI.B. Hospice Patient Care. Clarified what treatment paramedics can render and how to deal with leaving patient on-scene after care provided.

310.15 MD on Scene. Expanded the language of the policy to include all advanced licensed medical practitioners, not just MDs.

325.00 ALS Provider Minimum Inventory. Changed the classification of hydroxocobalamin from the mandatory pharmaceutical inventory category to the optional pharmaceutical inventory category.

**PROCEDURES – ALS & BLS**

B-025 BLS Provider Assisting with Aspirin for Chest Pain/Cardiac Ischemia. Eliminated two contraindications for administration of aspirin so this procedure is consistent with SO-C-15 dealing with cardiac chest pain.

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