

General Policy and Procedure

Protocol For Non-Standard Treatment

Circumstances may arise where a patient may benefit from treatments which are not covered in existing system protocols. This policy provides a mechanism for providing that treatment. A base station physician or paramedic may suggest the alternate treatment.

Procedure:

- A. Once a patient report is given, the physician or the paramedic may suggest an alternative treatment and discuss its rationale.
- B. The physician will determine whether the proposed treatment is appropriate.
- C. If the paramedic understands the proposed treatment, and is comfortable performing the treatment, and treatment is consistent with level of training, he/she may carry out the order.
- D. If the paramedic does not understand the proposed treatment, or is uncomfortable performing that treatment, he/she may decline to carry out the order. If the paramedic declines the order then the physician should use an appropriate system protocol.
- E. These deviations from system protocol must be announced as such on the radio and so noted on the ALS log by the physician and on the E.M.S. Patient Chart by the paramedic. This serves as a safeguard by reminding each participant that the proposed treatment is non-standard.

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