



1. All levels of EMSP protocols now condensed to one protocol document.
2. Table of contents reorganized. Deleted "Response" section as all information in that section is covered elsewhere.
3. Language changed throughout to reflect new nomenclature for provider levels
4. Changed "EKG" to "ECG"
5. Section 1.01 – Scope of Practice
 - Added Advanced-EMT
 - Added 5 drugs to Intermediate to make new protocol format work: glucagon, Ondansetron, diphenhydramine, narcan, nitrous oxide. This will be done through the protocol updates.
 - Intermediates will be able to give patients albuterol, nitroglycerin, and epinephrine 1:1000 IM, not just assist the patient with their own. They should already be familiar with these drugs.
 - Due to their experience and higher level of training, Intermediate-EMT will be considered a higher level EMSP than Advanced-EMT
 - Added language stating that lower level EMSPs may assist higher level EMSPs
6. Section 1.02 – Communications
 - Added language about notification of ATCC for trauma patients, clarified when to call report
7. Section 1.03 – Death in the Field
 - Delete need for ECG calibration
 - Clarified language for penetrating torso injury to clarify when to attempt resuscitation
8. Section 1.05 – Documentation of Care
 - Added minimum points to documentation to be consistent with General Patient Care Protocol (3.01)
9. Section 1.06 – Do Not Attempt Resuscitation
 - Changed "intubation" to "placement of Advanced Airway"
 - Changed "closed chest massage" to "chest compressions"
10. Section 1.07 – updated medical direction hospitals
 - Delete Randolph Medical Center
 - Delete Wedowee hospital
11. Section 1.10 – Medication and Procedure Categories
 - Deleted "as long as the patient is stable" from Cat A
12. Section 1.12 – Patients Rights
 - Added sentence to #6 about taking patients with altered mental status and unstable vitals to closest appropriate ED
 - Added paragraph #10 about law enforcement being responsible for patient's in their custody
13. Section 1.14 – Refusal of Care or Transport
 - Clarified number 1 that this is only when the EMSP's judgment is that the patient needs to be transported or treated



14. Section 2.03 – HazMat
 - Added language to patient care for contaminated patient to be aware of crime scene possibility
15. Section 2.07 – Staging
 - Added ½ mile criteria for rural areas
16. Section 3 – Treatment Protocols
 - Changed format (See first page of Section 3 for instructions on how to use newly formatted protocols)
17. Section 3.01 – General Patient Care
 - Emphasize that ABC's and good assessment to be done on all patients
18. Section 3.04 – Altered Mental Status
 - Added Haldol/Benadryl for combative patients
19. Section 3.06 – Bites and Envenomations – New protocol
20. Sections 3.08 and 3.09 – Cardiac Arrest divided into adult and peds
 - Updated for new AHA guidelines
 - Magnesium changed to Cat A for cardiac arrest in adults in cardiac arrest
 - Changed Calcium gluconate to Calcium Chloride to be consistent with AHA guidelines
 - Specified that if patient has port, you may use it
 - Atropine deleted from PEA/Asystole
 - Vasopressin added for Peds
 - Added clarification about chest compressions in traumatic cardiac arrest.
21. Sections 3.10 and 3.11 – Cardiac Dysrhythmia divided into adult and peds
 - Updated for new AHA guidelines
 - Adenosine now listed as safe in pregnancy.
22. Section 3.13 – Childbirth and Section 3.34 – Vaginal Bleeding
 - Added guidance about transporting non-viable fetus to hospital
23. Section 3.14 – CHF
 - Made albuterol Cat A for consistency
24. Section 3.15 – Taser ®
 - Clarified when to transport
25. Section 3.19 – Hyperthermia
 - Increase NS bolus from 250 to 500 for consistency
26. Section 3.20 – Hypoglycemia
 - Added language about ok to use sugary foods instead of oral glucose paste
 - D10 added as option



27. Section 3.21 – Hypothermia
 - Deleted warm oxygen since no one has ability to provide warmed oxygen
 - Language altered to reflect new AHA guidelines
28. Section 3.23 – Nausea and Vomiting
 - Added NS bolus
29. Section 3.26 – Poisons and Overdoses
 - Activated charcoal deleted
30. Section 3.27 – Pre-Eclampsia/Eclampsia
 - Deleted parts about limiting stimulation as no data found to support
31. Section 3.28 – Respiratory Distress
 - Added Epinephrine for severe wheezing (previously it was listed in the drug section for treatment of severe asthma, but was not in the respiratory distress protocol –this was apparently an oversight)
32. Section 4.02 – Cardioversion
 - New procedure added.
33. Section 4.06 – Endotracheal Intubation
 - Changed language to emphasize use of capnography
34. Section 4.10 – IV Therapy
 - Volutrol deleted
35. Section 5.10 – Dopamine
 - Changed to easier to read dosing chart
36. Section 5.19 – Morphine
 - Peds max initial dose 4 mg for consistency
 - Can now carry in 2, 4, or 10 mg vials, MAX carry 30 mg in box
 - Must carry all the same kind of vials.
37. Section 5.20 – Naloxone
 - Added Intranasal route, added language about titrate to effect
38. Section 6.01 – Blind Insertion Airway Devices (BIAD)
 - Added Air-Q LMA to list
39. Section 6.05 – Hemostatic Agents
 - Woundstat deleted
40. Add copy of protocols (electronic or paper) to mandatory equipment list.