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SUBJECT: REVISIONS TO STANDING ORDERS, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR
APRIL 1, 2017 RELEASE

The attached memorandum has been previously distributed to county-wide meetings attended by OCEMS staff during the month of January 2017 and is now being posted for reference.



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TO: ORANGE COUNTY BASE HOSPITAL PHYSICIANS
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ORANGE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE AGENCIES
ORANGE COUNTY IFT-ALS PROVIDERS

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The following revisions will be made in OCEMS First Responder and ALS Standing Orders effective April 1, 2017. The changes may be implemented by providers if updating of inventory or personnel is accomplished prior to April 1, 2017.

1. Addition of Naloxone (Narcan™) 4 mg/0.1 mL preload nasal spray to ALS inventory list as an optional item.
2. Epinephrine dosing changed from ratios to concentrations:
 - a. 1:10000 is now 0.1 mg/mL
 - b. 1:1000 is now 1.0 mg/mL
3. Addition of Epi-Pen Junior to ALS inventory list as an optional item.
4. Push dose Epinephrine, 10 mcg concentration for severe hypotensive states unresponsive to fluid resuscitation with mandatory Base Hospital contact has been added.
5. GONITRO™ sublingual powder, single dose packets have been added to policy and standing orders.
6. Addition of the LifeVest® verbiage to Standing Orders C-10 and C-15.
7. Adenosine 6 mg/2 mL vials and preloads as optional inventory, and clarification of adenosine dosing for pediatric patients (I-20).
8. Removal of D50% and D25%. Developed a D10% Procedure.

9. SO-C-45 and SO-P 110 for management of left-ventricular assist device (LVAD) patients have been added to the OCEMS ALS Standing Orders.
10. SO-P-15 for General Injury and Trauma in the pediatric patient has been added.
11. SPC-SO-1 Special Deployments (Fireline/Tactical/ALS Air) has been added to the OCEMS ALS Standing Orders.
12. Procedure guidelines for the Adult King LT-D™/LTS-D™ as an optional device for advanced airway management has been added to the OCEMS Procedures.
13. B-05-P Pediatric Spinal Motion Restriction (SMR) has been added to the OCEMS Procedures.
14. IFT-SO-04 by OCEMS-approved IFT-ALS provider agencies that have been specifically trained in the evaluation and treatment of hospice patients to render hospice care has been added to the OCEMS ALS Standing Orders.
15. A new policy and a series of Fire Service Authorized Registered Nurse (ARN) Standing Orders allowing the Fire Service ARN to care for providers during rehabilitation periods have been added to the OCEMS ALS Standing Orders.
16. SO-M-55 Sepsis has been updated to include the qSOFA method for identification and early management of the septic patient.
17. PR-210 for the monitoring of neuromuscular blockers has been updated to include Midazolam sedation when necessary.
18. B-35 has been updated and the Mark 1 Kit has been removed.
19. Algorithms have been incorporated to several cardiac standing orders.
19. SO-P-05 ALTE has retained its name but an “AKA” was added to include “Brief Resolved Unexplained Events” (BRUE) to highlight the naming convention transition.
20. Standing orders and P&Ps have been updated to utilize an age for pediatrics at “younger than 15 years of age” consistent with the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma.
21. Policy #090.00 Definitions has been updated.
22. SO-M-50 routes of adult administration for midazolam made consistent throughout standing orders with IV/IM/IN as acceptable routes.