


REGULATORY/ MEDICAL HEALTH SERVICES
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

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TO: ORANGE COUNTY EMS DISTRIBUTION LIST
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SUBJECT: NEW AND REVISED MEDICAL STANDING ORDERS AND PROCEDURES

The following summary describes revised and new prehospital standing orders and medical field procedures that will become effective October 1, 2017. Please refer to the OCEMS website for current and upcoming revised and new standing orders and procedures.

October 1, 2017 changes:

1. Blood glucose parameters for field assessment of hypoglycemia have been revised for both pediatric and adult/adolescent patients (multiple standing orders and procedures).
2. PR-030 Endotracheal Intubation Procedure: Indication for size of child that is appropriate for intubation clarified (added greater than length of Broselow Tape). Added ETCO2 information. EDD removed because is no longer commercially available.
3. SO-M-080: New standing order for use of midazolam in aiding with endotracheal intubation.
4. SO-FR-002, SO-FR-003: New first responder standing orders for oxygen administration and use of automatic external defibrillator (previously in policy only)
5. SO-B-001 BLS Standing Orders: General BLS standing orders have been updated to reflect 2017 changes made in California EMT Regulations (EMT Scope of Practice).
6. SO-M-025 Suspected Acute Stroke or Intracranial Hemorrhage: Added grip strength and slurred speech to stroke triage criteria; removed seizure and "wake-up stroke" as exclusion criteria.
7. SO-P-040 Pediatric Bradycardia: Atropine removed, epinephrine dosing decreased.
8. PR-065 Pediatric Needle Thoracotomy (Trauma): 1.25 inch, 16-gauge needle to be deployed if estimated weight of child is 40 Kg or less.
9. PR-020 Combitube: Revised to include ETCO2 for placement confirmation (EDD no longer commercially available).
10. SO-P-010 Delivery of Newborn: Automatic suctioning of infant upon delivery deleted.

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