

**SPEMS Protocol Changes
Emergency Care Attendant (ECA)
4/1/24 to 3/31/25**

PROTOCOL CHANGES

- **Every Page**
 - Changed dates at bottom of each page to 4/1/2024
- **Cover Page**
 - Signature with April 1, 2024 date
 - Protocols will expire March 31, 2025
- **Table of Contents**
 - Page numbers changed to reflect additions
- **Throughout the Protocols**
 - King Airway replaced with the Air-Qsp3G Airway Device
- **Page B-3 ECA’s Responsibilities**
 - Removal of section requiring letter from local hospital
- **Page B-5 EMS Director Responsibilities**
 - Addition of last bullet point that states “To assure proper transmission of required EMS data to the State in accordance with the State’s guidelines and timelines”
- **Page D-2 Chemical Sedation/Physical Restraint**
 - Addition of section for Physical Restraints
 - Outlines indications and procedures for use of physical restraints
 - Requires highest certified member of EMS crew to manage the patient and write the PCR
 - Outlines monitoring guidelines
 - Outlines documentation requirements
 - Change term “Excited Delirium Syndrome” to Hyperactive Delirium with Agitation”
- **Page D-4 Oxygen Administration**
 - Addition of first paragraph that states “The administration of oxygen, when indicated, is a component of the Primary Assessment of the patient and the need for oxygen should be determined IMMEDIATELY on scene. Oxygen administration, when indicated, should be performed immediately and not delayed to load the patient or to begin transport; except for rare, extenuating circumstances such as scene hazards.”
- **Page G-2 Transportation Guidelines**
 - Addition of Section “Transport to an Outpatient Dialysis Center During a Disaster”
 - Section recommended by the State
 - Allows for transport to an outpatient dialysis center during a declared disaster
 - Addition of section regarding Transport to UMC Health and Wellness Hospital
 - Use same criteria as transporting to a freestanding emergency center
- **Page J-3 Transport to Freestanding Emergency Centers**
 - Updated list of Amarillo Freestanding Emergency Centers
- **Page K-4 Signature Page**
 - Date changed to 4/1/2024
 - EMS Director MUST sign
- **Throughout Treatment Algorithms**
 - Changed the date on the bottom to read 04/01/2024
 - Reference page numbers changed to reflect correct pages

RESPIRATORY VIRUS ILLNESS ADDENDUM CHANGES

- Dates changed to 4/1/2024

PROTOCOL SUPPLEMENT CHANGES:

- **Throughout Supplement**
 - Date of 4/1/2024 throughout
 - Changed all references to “Excited Delirium Syndrome” to “Hyperactive Delirium with Agitation”