





How to Read the Protocols

LEVELS OF CERTIFICATION (KEY)	
EMR	Emergency Medical Responder
EMT	Emergency Medical Technician
A	Advanced Emergency Medical Technician
I	Intermediate
P	Paramedic
[]	Medical Control
	Go to Other Protocol
	Caution

The protocols are color-coded in addition to having the level of care beside each possible treatment. The levels of care are reflective of the Office of EMS' (OEMS) changes to the titles of certification. First Responders will from here on be known as **Emergency Medical Responders (EMR)**, the former EMT-Basic is now the **EMT**, the EMT-Enhanced is now the **Advanced EMT (A)**, EMT-Intermediate will now be **Intermediate (I)** and EMT-Paramedic will now be **Paramedic (P)**. As in the previous revisions, brackets [] indicate a need for medical control to be contacted at the bracketed level of care (e.g. Intermediate intervention requiring medical control is shown as [I]).

The major change in this format is that rather than listing each level of care which can perform an action, simply **the most basic certification which can perform an action is listed**. For example, if an action shows the code EMR beside it, anyone of the Emergency Medical Responder, EMT, Advanced EMT, Intermediate, or Paramedic levels of care can perform the task whereas a step showing [A] beside it means EMR and EMT providers may **not** perform the action, Advanced EMTs must call for orders and Intermediate or Paramedic providers may perform it as a standing order. Any action with the code MC beside it means that any level of care **must call for orders before performing this action**.

ALS and BLS Protocols for adults and pediatrics have been combined into one set of tasks. Also in this version of the protocols is the **PEARLS** section of each protocol. This section provides important considerations and points for taking your patient care from mediocre to exceptional! Cautions to be considered for each step are listed next to an **alarm bell**.