



Section 14: Appendix 2: Medical Procedures

SECTION 14: DEPARTMENT SUPPLIED PATIENT CARE EQUIPMENT

PURPOSE

- To allow equipment supplied by individual EMS departments, but not specifically referenced in EMS protocol to be used for the benefit of patient care.
- Define the process of Medical Director review and approval of EMS Department supplied patient care equipment
- Define where and who is responsible for the Operating Procedures for EMS department supplied patient care devices.

POLICY

It is understood that EMS departments may have particular equipment that is not necessarily referenced in this EMS protocol. For these items to be used within the scope of Cleveland Clinic EMS Medical Direction and as an adjunct to these EMS protocols the following must occur;

1. The device must be approved by the Medical Director in writing.
2. The Department must develop, implement, and periodically review operating procedures for the device. These will become the protocol for the use of the particular referenced device. The operating procedure must include indications, contra-indications, instructions for use, approved levels of EMS certification, signs and symptoms, key points, outline training requirements, and define maintenance (if applicable). The operating procedures must be approved and signed by the Medical Director.
3. The Department must be willing to incur all costs associated with operating said device, including disposable items.
4. The Department must provide training on the device to all department members expected to use the device under the direction and approval of the Medical Director
5. The Department must be willing to share performance data on the device with the Cleveland Clinic EMS System, including Patient Care Reports, within the scope of HIPAA.
6. The Department must report adverse patient outcomes that may be attributed to the patient care device as soon as identified.
7. The Department must agree to discontinue use of the device on the instruction of the Medical Director.