



Yolo County Health and Human Services



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DATE: September 6, 2018
TO: Yolo County Providers and Agencies
FROM: Yolo County EMS Agency
SUBJECT: September 15, 2018 EMS Protocol and Policy Revisions

MEMORANDUM

On September 15, 2018 the attached Protocols will go into effect for all Yolo County Providers. The Protocol App and Website will be updated. It is the responsibility of each agency to ensure that their personnel receive this information.

Generally, policies and protocols are updated two (2) times a year; January 1st and July 1st. Due to new opportunities being approved through the Emergency Medical Services Agency (EMSA) we decided to postpone releasing the newly formatted protocols on July 1st. We are excited to now be able to provide these updated protocols to you.

In January 2019, we will release two (2) additional updates; IV Tylenol will be added to the Pain Management Protocol and the i-gel Airway will be added to the Airway Protocol.

Attached to this memo are:

- The reformatted and updated protocols
- A newsletter that covers many of the updates
- The draft protocols for the two (2) January updates

Please review the additions and changes thoroughly. If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Weivoda at (530) 666-8671 or kristin.weivoda@yolocounty.org

A MESSAGE FROM THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR

This is an exciting time for our EMS Agency and you all should be very proud of the care you give to the citizens of Yolo County. We have several new initiatives that add to our focus of best evidence-based practices. As EMS providers, I have been impressed with your willingness to embrace and adapt to new practices. Change is always a challenge, but your professionalism and dedication to supporting these changes is exemplary. This is an exciting time in EMS with new research helping to define best practice and questioning some of our long held beliefs. Please remember that at YEMSA we have an open door policy. Feedback is always welcome. We are in this together!

As a side note, I will be away on sabbatical from October 2018 - March 2019. I will be the physician on station for the National Science Foundation at Amundsen-Scott base at the South Pole. I will be working with NSF, NASA, and the U.S. Air Force. This is a unique opportunity to learn austere medicine and practice in the most remote portion of our planet.

In my absence, David Barnes MD, the prior YEMSA Medical Director, has graciously agreed to cover as Medical Director. I will still have some limited email capability at "the Pole" so the YEMSA staff will be in touch about certain long term issues.