

# Introduction

The EMS Medical Directors and the EMS Offices of the following facilities have developed this Protocol and Procedures Manual to establish the standard of care which must be provided by all Emergency Medical Services under their medical direction:

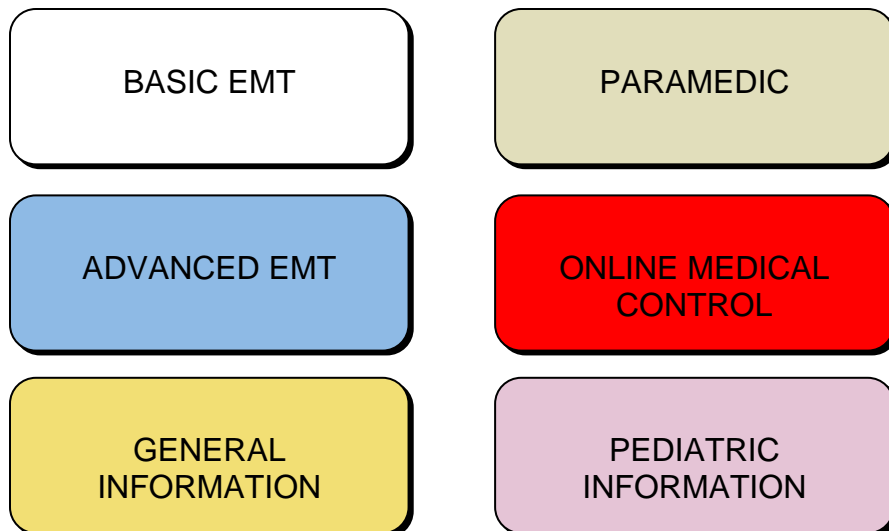
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- Summa Wadsworth-Rittman Hospital
- Summa Western Reserve Hospital
- Robinson Memorial Hospital

The patient care protocols are specific orders directing the actions pertaining to techniques and/or medications used by EMS personnel. These protocols may and should be initiated without prior direct Medical Control contact, especially when the patient's condition and/or situation is life-threatening. As soon as the condition and/or situation permits, direct contact must be established with Medical Control for confirmation of medical care and further medical direction.

The procedures are to be used as guidelines for operation during EMS calls which require medical attention. They are also intended to be guidelines to ensure that personnel are trained in proper patient care. Procedures are not considered rigid rules, but rather established standards against which EMS practice can be measured.

Throughout this document the term "EMS Office" refers to the EMS Office where the EMS agency's Medical Director is affiliated.

## Protocol Color Key



# Current EMS Standards

This Protocol manual has been developed by utilizing the current laws, rules, guidelines, standards, and position papers of the following professional organizations:

- American Academy of Pediatrics
- American College of Emergency Physicians – Ohio Chapter
- ACEP – International Trauma Life Support
- American Heart Association
- Center for Disease Control
- Ohio Administrative Code (OAC)
- Ohio Department of Public Safety – Division of EMS
- Ohio EMS Board
- Ohio Revised Code (ORC)

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# PROTOCOL AUTHORIZATION

The following Summa Patient Care Protocol and Procedures Manual is in effect and operational for EMS Agencies and the EMS personnel who operate under one of the following Medical Directors beginning July 1, 2011.

All EMS personnel recognized by the individual EMS Offices as active members, in good standing, may operate according to the limits of their individual State of Ohio EMT Certification level, and in strict compliance with the following Patient Care Protocol and Procedures Manual.

All previous versions of this Protocol and Procedures manual are considered void.

We, the EMS Medical Directors, this EMS agency and its official State of Ohio certified personnel to operate as an Emergency Medical Service under our direction in accordance with the Summa Patient Care Protocol and Procedures Manual.

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