



**ALABAMA EMS
PATIENT CARE PROTOCOLS**
Seventh Edition
October 2013

This edition of the Alabama EMS Protocols is dedicated to the memory of
Dan Castrillo,
a Paramedic who dedicated himself to the scholarly pursuit of improving EMS,
and to all of the EMS providers and their families
who sacrifice themselves everyday in service to their friends and neighbors.

PATIENT CARE PROTOCOLS

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Preface	1
Section 1: Policies	3
1.01 Scope of Practice	4
1.02 Communications	8
1.03 Death in the Field	9
1.04 Disputes Regarding Patient Care	11
1.05 Documentation of Care	12
1.06 Do Not Attempt to Resuscitate (DNAR)	14
1.07 Medical Direction Hospital	15
1.08 Medical Management of the Scene	17
1.08 Medical Professionals at the Scene	19
1.10 Medication and Procedure Categories	20
1.11 Optional Medications and Procedures	21
1.12 Patient Rights	22
1.13 Physician Medical Direction	24
1.14 Refusal of Care or Transport	25
1.15 Time at the Scene	26
1.16 Trauma System	27
Section 2: Operational Guidelines	30
2.01 Cancellation/Slow Down	31
2.02 Crime Scene Response	32
2.03 Hazardous Materials	34
2.04 Helicopter EMS	37
2.05 Staging for High Risk Response	39
Section 3: Treatment Protocols	40
3.01 General Patient Care	41
3.02 Abdominal Pain	42
3.03 Adrenal Insufficiency	44
3.04 Allergic Reaction	46
3.05 Altered Mental Status	48
3.06 Amputation	50
3.07 Bites and Envenomations	52
3.08 Burns	54
3.09 Cardiac Arrest, Adult	59
3.10 Cardiac Arrest, Pediatric	63
3.11 Cardiac Dysrhythmias, Adult	67
3.12 Cardiac Dysrhythmias, Pediatric	69
3.13 Chest Pain or Acute Coronary Syndrome (ACS)	71

3.14	Childbirth	73
3.15	Congestive Heart Failure	75
3.16	Electromuscular Incapacitation Devices (Taser®)	77
3.17	Fractures and Dislocations	79
3.18	Head Trauma	81
3.19	Hypertensive Emergencies	83
3.20	Hyperthermia	84
3.21	Hypoglycemia	85
3.22	Hypothermia	86
3.23	Influenza/Respiratory Illness	88
3.24	Nausea and Vomiting	90
3.25	Near Drowning	91
3.26	Newborn	92
3.27	Poisons and Overdoses	94
3.28	Preeclampsia/Eclampsia	97
3.29	Respiratory Distress	98
3.30	Seizure	100
3.31	Shock	102
3.32	Spinal Injury	103
3.33	Stroke	107
3.34	Syncope	110
3.35	Vaginal Bleeding	111
Section 4:	Procedures	112
4.01	Blind Insertion Airway Devices (BIAD)	113
4.02	Capnography	114
4.03	Cardioversion (Synchronized)	115
4.04	Chest Decompression	116
4.05	Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP)	118
4.06	ECG (12-Lead)	120
4.07	Endotracheal Intubation (Oral)	121
4.08	Endotracheal Intubation (Nasal)	123
4.09	External Pacing	125
4.10	Hemostatic Agents	126
4.11	Intraosseous Therapy	127
4.12	Intravenous Therapy	129
4.13	Patient Restraint	130
4.14	Rectal Diazepam Administration	131
4.15	Transportation of Pediatric Patients	132
Section 5:	Medications	134
5.01	Adenosine	135
5.02	Albuterol and Ipratropium	136

5.03	Amiodarone	137
5.04	Aspirin	138
5.05	Atropine Sulfate	139
5.06	Calcium Chloride	140
5.07	Dextrose, 50%	141
5.08	Diazepam	142
5.09	Diphenhydramine	143
5.10	Dopamine	144
5.11	Epinephrine	146
5.12	Fentanyl	147
5.13	Furosemide	148
5.14	Glucagon	149
5.15	Haloperidol	150
5.16	Hydroxocobalamin (Cyanokit)	151
5.17	Lidocaine	152
5.18	Lorazepam	153
5.19	Magnesium Sulfate	154
5.20	Midazolam	155
5.21	Morphine Sulfate	156
5.22	Naloxone	157
5.23	Nitroglycerin	158
5.24	Nitrous Oxide	159
5.25	Normal Saline	160
5.26	Ondansetron	161
5.27	Oxygen	162
5.28	Sodium Bicarbonate	163
5.29	Thiamine	164
5.30	Vasopressin	165
Section 6:	Acceptable EMS Equipment and Devices	166
6.01	Blind Insertion Airway Devices (BIAD)	167
6.02	Bougie (for Difficult Intubation)	167
6.03	Hemostatic Agents	167
6.04	Intraosseous Needle Insertion Devices	167
Section 7:	Disaster	168
7.01	Respiratory Illness/Influenza Mass Casualty Emergency	169
7.02	Search and Rescue Marking System	172
7.03	Triage of Mass Casualties	173
Section 8:	Forms	176
8.01	Chest Decompression Report	177
8.02	Do Not Attempt Resuscitation (DNAR) Form	178

Explore Litigation Insights

Docket Alarm provides insights to develop a more informed litigation strategy and the peace of mind of knowing you're on top of things.

Real-Time Litigation Alerts



Keep your litigation team up-to-date with **real-time alerts** and advanced team management tools built for the enterprise, all while greatly reducing PACER spend.

Our comprehensive service means we can handle Federal, State, and Administrative courts across the country.

Advanced Docket Research



With over 230 million records, Docket Alarm's cloud-native docket research platform finds what other services can't. Coverage includes Federal, State, plus PTAB, TTAB, ITC and NLRB decisions, all in one place.

Identify arguments that have been successful in the past with full text, pinpoint searching. Link to case law cited within any court document via Fastcase.

Analytics At Your Fingertips



Learn what happened the last time a particular judge, opposing counsel or company faced cases similar to yours.

Advanced out-of-the-box PTAB and TTAB analytics are always at your fingertips.

API

Docket Alarm offers a powerful API (application programming interface) to developers that want to integrate case filings into their apps.

LAW FIRMS

Build custom dashboards for your attorneys and clients with live data direct from the court.

Automate many repetitive legal tasks like conflict checks, document management, and marketing.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Litigation and bankruptcy checks for companies and debtors.

E-DISCOVERY AND LEGAL VENDORS

Sync your system to PACER to automate legal marketing.