

**SPEMS Protocol Changes  
Emergency Care Attendant (ECA)  
4/1/25 to 3/31/26**

**PROTOCOL CHANGES**

- **Every Page**
  - Changed dates at bottom of each page to 4/1/2025
- **Cover Page**
  - Signature with April 1, 2025 date
  - Protocols will expire March 31, 2026
- **Table of Contents**
  - Page numbers changed to reflect additions
- **Page K-3 BLS Medications**
  - Addition of statement: “Due to different concentrations of some drugs, the minimum amount required for each drug is based on the available drug (in mcg, mg, mEq, etc.) rather than the number of containers; unless otherwise specified. Example: 10 aspirin, 325mg, is required. The minimum amount required is 3,250mg.”
    - All services and personnel need to be aware that the minimum quantities are based on the amount of the drug; not the number of containers; if the concentrations are different that that posted within the protocols. Care must be taken to assure that the minimums are present as these are subject to inspection by DSHS.
  - Addition of 3 new BLS medications for EMT level DOES NOT APPLY TO ECAs
- **Page K-4 Signature Section**
  - Date changed to 4/1/2025
  - EMS Service Director must sign
  
- **Throughout Treatment Algorithms**
  - Changed the date on the bottom to read 04/01/2025
  - Reference page numbers changed to reflect new page numbers
- **Page 5 Drowning**
  - Name changed from Near Drowning (outdated term)

**RESPIRATORY VIRUS ILLNESS ADDENDUM CHANGES**

- Dates changed to 4/1/2025
- Added to the Known or Suspected Respiratory Viral Illness Treatment and Transport Guidelines Algorithm:
  - In the bottom center box, added #2: “Monitor Waveform Capnography (Advanced and Paramedic)”

## **PROTOCOL SUPPLEMENT CHANGES:**

- **Throughout Supplement**
  - Date of 4/1/2025 throughout
- **Page S-10 Benadryl**
  - Added Benadryl PO
    - Adult Dose is 50mg
      - Adult patients must be awake and able to follow commands
    - Pediatric dose is PO Liquid Children's Benadryl 1.0mg/kg to a max of 50mg.
      - For PO administration, pediatric patients must have GCS of 15
  - Added statement under Special Notes/Restrictions:
    - Benadryl IV is the preferred administration route.
    - Benadryl PO may be given for minor reactions by EMTs or by ALS personnel if unable to establish an IV.
    - IF Benadryl PO is given, the highest certified crewmember must maintain control of patient care and document the call on the PCR
- **Page S-40 Zofran**
  - Added Zofran ODT
    - Adult dose is 4mg
      - Adult patients must be awake and able to follow commands
      - Pediatric patients must have a GCS of 15
  - Added statement under Special Notes/Restrictions:
    - Zofran ODT is administered by placing the tablet on top of the tongue and encouraging the patient to allow it to dissolve without swallowing
    - Zofran IV is the preferred administration route.
    - Zofran ODT may be given by EMTs or by ALS personnel if unable to establish an IV.
    - If Zofran ODT is given, the highest certified crewmember must maintain control of patient care and document the call on the PCR
- **Page S-45 to S-48 Adult Drug Charts**
  - Added Benadryl tablets and Zofran ODT to charts
- **Page S-49 to S-52 Pediatric Drug Charts**
  - Added Liquid Children's Benadryl tablets and Zofran ODT to charts