

Advanced Life Support Patient Care Standards

Summary of Changes

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Version 4.8

The following changes have been made between version 4.7 and 4.8:

Appendix 1 – PCP Core Medical Directives

- **Moderate to Severe Allergic Reaction Medical Directive**
 - Removed “(if available and authorized)” from diphenhydramine Treatment table
 - Consolidated diphenhydramine Treatment table
 - Updated Clinical Considerations

- **Suspected Adrenal Crisis Medical Directive**
 - Updated “Route” in Treatment table
 - Updated Clinical Considerations

- **Endotracheal and Tracheostomy Suctioning Medical Directive**
 - Removed Directive

- **Emergency Tracheostomy Tube Reinsertion Medical Directive**
 - Removed Directive

- **NEW - Endotracheal and Tracheostomy Suctioning & Reinsertion Medical Directive**

Appendix 2 – ACP Core Medical Directives

- **Intravenous and Fluid Therapy Medical Directive**
 - Updated 0.9% NaCl Fluid Bolus Contraindications
 - Updated Mandatory Provincial Patch Point language
 - Updated note in 0.9% NaCl fluid bolus Treatment table
 - Updated Clinical Considerations

- **Pediatric Intraosseous Medical Directive**
 - Updated Indications
 - Updated Contraindications

- **Moderate to Severe Allergic Reaction Medical Directive**
 - Updated epinephrine Treatment table to align with order in other medical directives
 - Removed “(if available and authorized)” from diphenhydramine Treatment table
 - Consolidated diphenhydramine Treatment table
 - Updated Clinical Considerations

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Appendix 3 – PCP Auxiliary Medical Directives

- **Intravenous and Fluid Therapy Medical Directive – AUXILIARY**
 - Updated 0.9% NaCl Fluid Bolus Contraindications
 - Updated Mandatory Provincial Patch Point language
 - Updated note in 0.9% NaCl fluid bolus Treatment table
 - Updated Clinical Considerations

- **Assessment of Patients with Possible COVID-19 Medical Directive - AUXILIARY**
 - Reorganization of Directive to differentiate between release from care and COVID-19 swabbing
 - Updated “Conditions”, “Contraindications”, “Treatment”, “Clinical Considerations”
 - Added mandatory patch point to “Treatment” section for release from care considerations

Appendix 4 – ACP Auxiliary Medical Directives

- **Intravenous and Fluid Therapy Medical Directive – AUXILIARY**
 - Updated 0.9% NaCl Fluid Bolus Contraindications
 - Updated Mandatory Provincial Patch Point language
 - Updated note in 0.9% NaCl fluid bolus Treatment table
 - Updated Clinical Considerations

- **Adult Intraosseous Medical Directive – AUXILIARY**
 - Updated Indications

- **Assessment of Patients with Possible COVID-19 Medical Directive - AUXILIARY**
 - Reorganization of Directive to differentiate between release from care and COVID-19 swabbing
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