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MEMORANDUM TO: Paramedic Service Chiefs, First Nations and Ornge

**FROM: Rumana Chowdhury
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**RE: Advanced Life Support Patient Care Standards
version 5.2**

I am pleased to announce the publication and release of the Advanced Life Support Patient Care Standards (ALS PCS), version 5.2.

Pursuant to clause 11(b) of O. Reg. 257/00 under the Ambulance Act, each ambulance service operator and every paramedic shall ensure that patient care is provided in accordance with the Advanced Life Support Patient Care Standards as published by the Ministry, as that document may be amended from time to time.

Version 5.2 of the ALS PCS represents a “partial update” as per the Living Document Framework. The ALS PCS v 5.2 will come into force July 10, 2023.

Revisions to these standards have involved collaboration among the branch, the Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs, and the Ontario Base Hospital Group Medical Advisory Committee.

The ALS PCS v5.2 update includes:

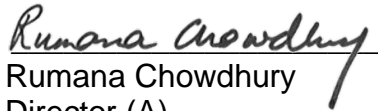
- updates to the standard's preamble to include more concise language reflective of current prehospital practice;
- the addition of buprenorphine/naloxone (suboxone) as an auxiliary component to the updated Opioid Toxicity and Withdrawal medical directive;
- the update of Special Event medical directives, and;
- the update and migration of Chemical Exposure medical directives into the PCP and ACP Auxiliary sections of the standard.

All the medical directive changes to this version are auxiliary in nature. Please ensure that your personnel are informed of and become familiar with the changes and new requirements where applicable.

Please refer to the Document Control Matrix in the document for further versioning history. The standards, along with a complete Summary of Changes for both documents, are enclosed.

If you have any questions regarding the ALS PCS, please contact ParamedicStandards@ontario.ca.

Regards,



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