PROFESSIONAL RESPONDER CHEAT SHEET



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Assessment Model

Scene Assessment

Hazards – BSI/PPE	Environment	Mechanism	# Patients	Additional Resources
 Are there any hazards? Are you wearing Body Substance Isolation PPE? 	What are your surroundings?Is it safe to stay?	What is going on?How did it happen?Likely Injuries?	How many people require assistance?Bystanders?	 Are more people or equipment needed?

Primary Assessment

General Impression What appears to			ears to be going	ars to be going on? What is bothering the patient the most right now?						
Precautionary SM	Are Spinal	Motion Restric	ion m	easi	ures needed as you conduct	you	ir assessment? (base	d or	n Mechanism)	
LOR A Level of Responsiveness Airv		4	B C		RBS		Critical			
		way	Breathing	\$		Circulation	F	Rapid Body Survey		Interventions
A (fully alert) V (responds to verbal) P (responds to pain) U (unresponsive)	• OPA/	ay clear? NPA if sponsive	 Adequate O2 needee Assisted V 	?t	•	Radial Pulse present? (Carotid if Unresponsive) Cap Refill & SpO2	•	Skin condition Major Bleeding Obvious Injuries	•	Manage life- threatening problems Treat for shock

Decision Point

Chief ComplaintWhat is the patient's main concern? What are your most urgent considerations?			
Initial Transport Decision	Urgent/Rapid Transport Category (RTC) or Delayed (Non-Urgent) Transport? Continue/Discontinue SMR?		
Pre-Hospital Report	Update receiving medical center. Call Medical Oversight as needed. Check ABCs after any movement.		

Secondary Assessment

Interview

S	Α	Μ	Ρ	L	Ε
Signs & Symptoms	Allergies	Medications	Past Medical Hx	Last Oral Intake	Events Leading Up
Chief ComplaintPain/Discomfort	 Allergic to anything? Recent exposures? 	 Take medication? Wrong dose? New med/dose? 	 Relevant medical incidents or conditions IeDiabetes 	What and when did you last eat/drink?	What were you doing when this started?
0	Р	Q	R	S	Т
Onset	Provoke/Palliate	Quality	Region/Radiate	Severity	Timing
Did this happen suddenly or gradually?	What makes the pain better or worse?	Type of pain? (iesqueezing, dull, sharp, throbbing)	Does the pain radiate from one region to another?	Scale of 1-10	When did it start? Is it constant or does it come and go?

Vital Signs (every 5 minutes if Urgent or 15 minutes if Non-Urgent)

Responsiveness	Blood Pressure	Respiration	Pulse	SpO2	Pupils	CapBgl
Glasgow	Palpation	Rate/Rhythm/Character	Rate	Pulse	Pupils equal and	Glucometer if
Coma	or	Auscultate Chest	Rhythm	Oximeter	reactive to light?	relevant
Scale	Auscultation	(6 points)	Character		(PEARL)	

Head to Toe Examination

Skin	Palpate	Distal Extremities
Color/Moisture/Temp Core Temperature if relevant	Thoroughly and methodically feel for injuries	Bilateral radial & pedal pulses Motor/Sensory deficits?

Ongoing Assessment

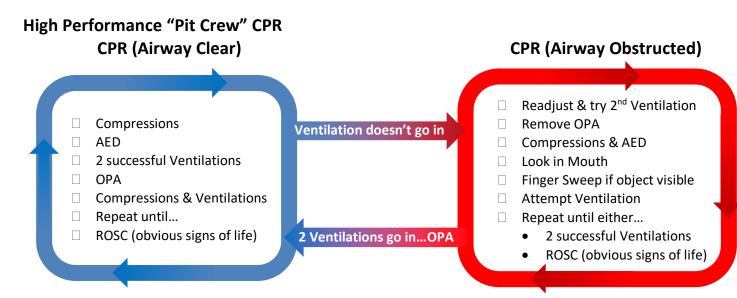
Treatment & Reassessment	Documentation
Provide medications and interventions as appropriate	 Ensure patient care report is complete and accurate
 Continuously monitor and re-evaluate patient, decisions and circumstances 	 Notify receiving medical center of significant updates Concise and accurate verbal report upon hand-over





CPR Compression to Ventilation Ratios

	Adult (over 9)	Child (1-8)	Infant (1mo -1 yr)	Neonate (under 28 days)
One Rescuer		30:2	30:2	3:1
Two Rescuer	30:2	15:2	15:2	No AEDCPR if below 60 bpm
If patient is Hypothermic:	Check pulse 4	5-60 seconds bef	ore starting CPR,	and 3 AED cycles max
Once compressions have	been started, o	continue CPR unti	Return of Sponta	aneous Circulation (ROSC)



CPR in transport - Treatable CPR

Condition	Causes	
Нурохіа	Asthma, COPD, CHF, Anaphylaxis or Tension Pneumothorax	
Hypovolemia	Caused by Trauma, GI bleed, ruptured abdominal aortic arch	
Known Acidosis	Sepsis, Diabetic Ketoacidosis, Post Workout	
Hyperkalemia	Kidney failure, Pressure Sores, Crush Injury, Burns	Consult
Hypothermia	Submersion, Cold Weather, Found on floor	Medical
Toxins	Ingestion, Injection, Inhalation	Oversight
Tamponade (Cardiac)	Post Cardiac Surgery, Infectious, IV Drug User, Trauma	(CliniCall)
Tension Pneumothorax	Trauma, COPD, Asthma, Marfan's	
Thrombosis (Pulmonary)	Sudden Death, IVDU, Pregnancy, Fractures, Flights, Bed Rest, Cancer	
Thrombosis (Coronary)	Sudden Death, Coronary Artery Disease	

Oxygen Cylinder Calculations

Duration of Flow = <u>(gauge pressure -200 psi) x C</u>				
Flow Rate (lpm)				
C = Cylinder Constant				
D-Cylinder: C = 0.16 L/psi (most commonly used on scene)	E-Cylinder: C = 0.28 L/psi	M-Cylinder: C = 1.56 L/psi		



Adducted

Extended

Oxygen Flow Rates

Device	BC EMALB	Canadian Red Cross Emergency Care Manual	O2 %
Standard (Simple) Mask	6 – 15 lpm	6-10 lpm	40-60 %
Non-Rebreather Mask	8 – 15 lpm	10+ lpm	90+ %
Bag Valve Mask	15 lpm	10+ lpm	90+ %
Nasal Canula	2 – 4 lpm	1 – 4 lpm	24-36 %
Resuscitation Mask (Pocket Mask)	N/A	6+ lpm	35-55 %
Normal Room Air			20.7 – 21 %
Exhaled Air			16%

Glasgow Coma Scale

Eye Opening		Best Verbal Response			Best Motor Response		
					Obeys commands		
		5	Oriented	5	Localizes to pain		
4	Spontaneously	4 Confused		4	Withdraws to pain		
3	To voice	3 Inappropriate words		3	Flex to pain (Decorticate)		
2	To pain	2	2 Incomprehensible sounds		Extend to pain (Decerebrate)		
1	No response	1	1 No response		No response		
	Eye + Verbal + Motor	= GCS	(3-15) GCS 13 or less is Rapi	d Tra	nsport		



Flexed

Abnormal Extension (Decerebrate)

Pronated

Flexed

APGAR

A

Planta

flexed

Internally

rotated

0		1	2		
Activity	Limp	Some extremity flexion	Active Movement		
Pulse	Absent	Below 100 bpm	100 bpm or higher		
Grimace No response		Grimace	Cough, sneeze, cry		
Appearance	Body/Extremities Blue/Pale	Body Pink – Extremities Blue	Completely pink		
Respiration	Absent	Slow and Irregular Strong, crying			
7-10 is "Normal 4-6 is "Fairly Low" 0-3 is "Critically Low"					

Plantar

flexed

Adducted



Administration of Medications vs Assisting with Medications

BC EMALB Licensed Responders Administer the fo	bllowing medications adhering to specific Administration Protocols

- 1. Entonox (EMR only)
- Oxygen
 Nitroglycerin (EMR only)
- 4. Acetylsalicylic Acid/ASA
- Acetyisalicylic #
 Glucagon
- 6. Glucogel

- 7. Naloxone/Narcan
- 8. Salbutamol/Ventolin (EMR only)
- 9. Epinephrine by Auto-Injector
- 10. Epinephrine by IM Injection (EMR only)
- Acetaminophen
 Ibuprofen

If patient requires any other medications, responder may Assist the patient while adhering to the 6 Rights

6-Rights of Medication

Fol	Follow the 6-Rights when "Assisting" with medications					
1	Person	Person Does this person have a prescription				
2	Medication	Have they had it beforeno Contraindicationsis this their Medication				
3	Time	When was the last dose takenis it needed now				
4	Dose	How much should they take				
5	Route	How should they take/use it				
6	Documentation	Record the time and effects of each dose				

RTC Critical Interventions Requiring History and/or Vital Signs

Some patients may be RTC, but need critical interventions that require "Secondary" information before transport					
Intervention	Information Required				
ASA for Cardiac Chest Pains	Indications/Contraindications (SAMPLE-OPQRST)				
Naloxone by Intramuscular Injection for Opioid Overdose	 Indications/Contraindications (SAMPLE-OPQRST) full set of Vital Signs 				
Glucagon by Intramuscular Injection to correct Hypoglycemia	 Indications/Contraindications (SAMPLE-OPQRST) full set of Vital Signs 				
Glucagon by Intranasal Injection to correct Hypoglycemia	 Indications/Contraindications (SAMPLE-OPQRST) Patient Age full set of Vital Signs 				
Epinephrine by Auto-Injector for Anaphylaxis	 Indications/Contraindications (SAMPLE-OPQRST) Patient Age/Estimated weight full set of Vital Signs including Chest Auscultation 				
Epinephrine by weight-based intramuscular injection for Anaphylaxis • EMR only	 Indications/Contraindications (SAMPLE-OPQRST) Estimated patient weight full set of Vital Signs including Chest Auscultation 				
Salbutamol for Bronchospasm EMR only 	 Indications/Contraindications (SAMPLE-OPQRST) Estimated patient weight full set of Vital Signs including Chest Auscultation 				
Nitroglycerin for Cardiac Chest Pains EMR only 	 Indications/Contraindications (SAMPLE-OPQRST) full set of Vital Signs including Chest Auscultation 				

Common Units of Measurement



Unit Abbreviation		Used for measuring
Millimeters of Mercury	mmHg	Blood Pressure
Millimoles per Litre	mmol/L	Blood glucose levels
Milligrams	mg	Medications such as ASA and Nitro
Litres per minute	Ipm Oxygen flow rates	
Drips per millilitre	os per millilitre gtts/ml How many droplets it takes to make 1 ml (Drip	
Drips per minute	gtts/minute	How many droplets go through the dripset in one minute

Assisted Ventilations

Problem	Ventilation Rate						
Problem	Adult	Child / Infant					
Respirations Absent but Pulse Present							
Breathing too Fast • greater than 30 breaths per minute	1 breath	1 breath	Timed between or with patient's own breaths				
Breathing too Slow • less than 10 breaths per minute	every 5-6 seconds	every 3-5 seconds	OPA/NPA after first 2 successful Ventilations				
Signs of Hypoxia or Respiratory Distress							

Weight Estimation for Pediatric Patients

Estimated age-based weight for patients up to 10 years old

• 2x (age in years) + 8 = est. weight in kg

Parent or caregiver estimations are generally more accurate that age-based calculations.

A-T-M-I-S-T A-M-B-O

	ATMIST	Details (what to say during verbal handover)
А	Age	Age, Name, and Date of Birth
Т	Time	Time of Onset of Symptoms/Injury
Μ	Mechanism	Mechanism of Injury/Medical Complaint
I	Injuries	Injuries/Exam Findings
S	Signs	Vitals, GCS
Т	Treatment	Treatment(s) given
	AMBO	Details (what to say during verbal handover)
А	Allergies	Provide any allergies the patient may have
Μ	M Medication Verbalize or provide list of medications pertinent to patient care	
В	B Background May include social history, family, or notable information	
0	Other Information	Any other information relevant to ongoing patient care

BC EMALB Examination Guidelines compared to PAC National Occupational Skill Competency Profiles



Guideline	BC EMALB Examination Guidelines (What we follow in BC)	PAC NOCP (Red Cross Emergency Care Manual)	
Minimum Systolic B.P. to give Nitro	110 mmHg and HR between 50-150	100 mmHg	
Nitro Dose Frequency	Every 3 minutes (q3)	Every 5 minutes (q5)	
Nitro without Prescription	Clini-Call permission	Prescription Mandatory	
Realigning Gross Deformity	If circulation compromised	Only if more than 30 minutes to care	
Open Chest Wound Treatment	Vented-Occlusive Dressing	Non-Occlusive Dressings Only	
Glucogel for Unresponsive Patient	Contraindicated if Unresponsive	Administer if local protocols allow	
Burn Cooling	15-20 minutes (on-scene/enroute)	At least 10 minutes	
Hypothermic Pulse Check	Check Pulse for up to 45 seconds	Check pulse for 60 seconds	
Hypothermic CPR-AED	No Analyze or Shock after 3 Shocks	Follow AED prompts	
Stroke Mnemonics	F-A-S-T V-A-N	F-A-S-T (T has different connotation)	

Critical Findings

Finding	Implication/Condition	Intervention
GCS 13 or less	Decreased LOC	OPA / NPA and RTC
Breathing over 30 times/minute	Tachypnea	Assist Ventilations
Breathing less than 10 times/minute	Dyspnea/Bradypnea	Assist Ventilations
Adult Blood Pressure less than 80 mmHg Systolic	Hypotension	Position Supine
Blood Glucose less than 4 mmol/L	Hypoglycemia	Glucagon / Glucose
Oxygen Saturation (SpO2) less than 95%	Hypoxia / Hypoxemia	Increase O2 intake
Neonatal pulse less than 60 bpm	Equivalent to Absent	Begin CPR
Body core temperature below 35 - 36 C	Mild Hypothermia	Rewarm slowly
Body core temperature below 30 - 34 C	Moderate Hypothermia	Rewarm slowly
Body core temperature below <30 C	Severe Hypothermia	Rewarm slowly
Body core temperature above 37 C	Hyperthermia	Cool rapidly
APGAR below 4	Unresponsive	RTC
Pulseless limb (Limb-Threatening Injury)	Limb Threatening RTC	One attempt to realign/restore
Adult Pulse Rate over 160 bpm	Urgent Tachycardia	RTC
Adult Pulse Rate below 60 bpm	Bradycardia	Consider underlying causes
Adult Pulse Rate slower than normal but > 60 bpm	Brachycardia	Consider underlying causes

Head to Toe Assessment Mnemonics

Why might a patient have an altered level of consciousness?

Α	Alcohol	т	Trauma
Е	Epilepsy	I	Infection
Ι	Insulin (Diabetic)	Ρ	Psychiatric
0	Overdose	Ρ	Poison
U	Uremia	S	Stroke

During a Head to Toe assessment...watch for:

В	Burns	С	Contusions	Γ	S	Swelling
0	Open Wounds	Α	Abrasions		С	Crepitus
L	Lacerations	Ρ	Penetrations		R	Rigidity
D	Deformity				Ι	Instability
					Ρ	Punctures
					Т	Tenderness
				ſ	S	Subcutaneous Emphysema

Relevant S-A-M-P-L-E and Mechanism of Injury Information

Μ	V	Α	

Location of patient	Which vehicle patient was in	How many vehicles involved	
Impact speed	Exterior damage	Interior damage	
Type of restraints	Initial position of patient	Condition of patient	
Loss of consciousness	Condition of other patients	Wearing a seat belt?	

Fall

Where from	Height	Free fall or hit other objects
Landing surface	Position of patient at impact	What hit first
Position Found	Loss of consciousness	Cause of fall

Pedestrian Struck

What hit them	Size and weight of object	Velocity of vehicle
Vehicle part that hit patient	Damage to vehicle	Distance patient thrown
Loss of consciousness	Condition of patient	Condition of Vehicle Occupants

Shooting

Type of firearm	Range and Angle	Loss of consciousness
Type of bullet	Entrance and exit wounds	Initial position and condition of patient

Stabbing

<u>- etaboling</u>		
Type and size of weapon	Loss of consciousness	Type of wound
Number of wounds	Other injuries	Initial position and condition



Average Vital Signs

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Age	Weight	Resting Heart Rate	Resting Respiratory Rate	Systolic Blood Pressure
	Kilograms (kg)	Beats/minute (bpm)	Respirations/minute	mmHg
Neonate (<28 days)	<3	100-160	40-60	Difficult to measure
3 Months	2-3	100-180	30-45	65-100
6 Months	3-4	100-180	25-35	70-110
12 Months	10	100-180	20-30	70-110
2 Years	12	80-160	18-30	70-110
3-4 Years	14-16	70-130	18-24	75-110
5-6 Years	18-20	70-110	18-22	80-110
7-8 Years	22-24	70-110	18-22	80-110
9-10 Years	26-28	70-110	18-22	80-110
11-12 Years	30-32	70-110	16-20	90-120
13 Years & older	>32	60-100	12-20	120+

Hypotension (Low Blood Pressure)

Age Range	Systolic Blood Pressure considered clinically Low/Hypotensive	
1 month – 1 year	Below 70 mmHg	
1 – 10 years	Below 70 + (2 x age-in-years) mmHg	
11 years - Adult	Below 90 mmHg	
Anaphylaxis generally causes Systolic blood pressure to drop 30% or more		



T-POD/Pelvic Binder Application

Indications	 MOI suggestive of possible Pelvic Fracture accompanied by any of the following HR above 100bpm or Systolic BP below 90 mmhg (Hemodynamic Instability) Pelvic Pain during examination Pelvic Instability Decreased LOC Significant injury which distracts from Pelvic Exam
Contraindications	 Suspected Hip Dislocation or Neck-of-Femur Fracture Simple Falls such as those from a standing height
Procedure	 Ensure T-POD makes direct contact with the skin (Cut & Expose) if possible Slide T-POD belt under the supine patient and into position under the pelvis Align centre of T-POD belt with the greater trochanter (top of hips). Trim T-POD belt so there is a 15-20 cm (6-8 inch) gap centred over the pubic symphysis
Release of T-POD	□ If release is required, or occurs accidentally, the time of this event should also be noted

Naloxone (Narcan) Administration

laloxone (Narca	n) Administra	tion			The Difference
Indications	Suspected Opioid	Overdose/Po	oisoning (Su	rroundings/Hx/S&S/Vit	al Signs)
Toxidrome	Decreased level of responsivenessInadequate/Absent Respirations		Pinpoint Pupils		
Contraindications	Confirmed medica	l allergy to N	Naloxone		
Adult Dosage	1 st - 0.4 mg	2 nd - 0	.4 mg	3 rd – 0.8 mg	4 th - 2.0 mg
	Under 11 yrs old is	Pediatric			
Pediatric Dosage	0.1 mg/Kg of body	weight (to a	a maximum	of 2.0 mg per dose)	
(EMR ONLY)	Maximum of 4 dos	ses			
	Pediatric doses are	e larger as w	vithdrawal is	unlikely	
	First dose adminis	tered on-sce	ene		
	Priority given to of	her immedi	ately life sav	ving measures such as A	ssisted Ventilations/CPR
Prior to First Dose	SAMPLE information to determine probable opioid overdose				
	Full set of Vital Signs				
	Clean injection site (shoulder or thigh) with alcohol swab. Allow to dry before injection				
	Check ampoule for clarity, expiration date, dose, and type of medication				
Preparation	Break ampule open at neck. Gauze may be used to protect hands from sharp edges.				
	Draw entire contents of ampoule into syringe.				
	Hold syringe with needle turned upwards and slowly push all air out of the chamber.				
	Use one hand to s	pread skin a	t injection si	te to stretch the meaty	tissues.
Injection	Use other hand to	insert the n	eedle at 90	degrees into the muscle	2.
	Depress plunger to inject all medication into the muscle.				
	Retract/cover needle with appropriate cover.				
Disposal	Dispose of syringe	and ampou	le into sharp	os container.	
	Every 3 minutes as needed to reverse respiratory depression.				
	Initiate transport after first dose as appropriate.				
Q3	Patient may become combative as consciousness improves				
	4 doses maximum				
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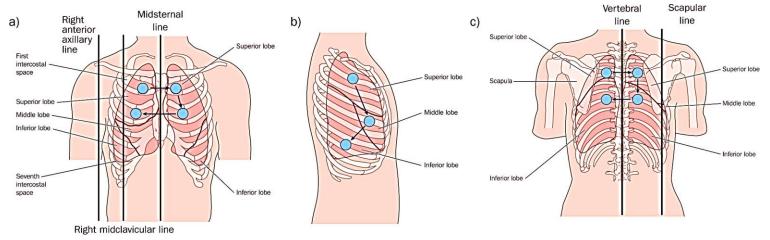


Terminology



Term/Phrase	Meaning	
Abruptio Placentae	Premature separation of the placenta from the uterus. Signs/Symptoms include uterine contraction, bleeding, fetal distress	
Aspiration	The inhalation of solids/liquids (such as food, vomit or blood) into the lungs	
Boiling Point	The temperature at which liquid changes into a vapor/gas	
BSI	Body Substance Isolation equipment such as gloves and safety glasses. Also commonly referred to as Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	
CHEMTREC	Provider of emergency Hazardous Materials (HazMat) support	
Flashpoint	The lowest temperature at which vapors ignite when exposed to an ignition source	
HazMat - Cold Zone	Also known as the Outer Perimeter. An area far enough from the hazardous material that risk of contamination is eliminated.	
HazMat – Hot Zone	Also known as the Contaminated Area. The area immediately contaminated by a hazardous material.	
HazMat - Warm Zone	Also known as the Inner Perimeter. An area outside the hot zone, which carries a reduced risk of contamination. Typically where responder decontamination procedures occur.	
Ignition Temperature	Lowest temperature at which a substance spontaneously ignites without an ignition source.	
MSDS	Material Safety Data Sheet which contains information about the potential hazards of a chemical product used in the workplace. Also referred to as Safety Data Sheet (SDS)	
Palliate	Ease or lessen discomfort	
Placenta Previa	Occurs when the baby's placenta partially or completely covers the mother's cervix, which is the outlet for the uterus. Signs/Symptoms include severe bleeding	
Priapism	Sustained erection caused by spinal cord injury	
Status Asthmaticus	Acute asthma that remains unresponsive to treatment with bronchodilators	
Tidal Volume	The volume of air moved into and out of the lungs during each ventilation cycle. Approximately 500ml per inspiration in a normal healthy adult.	
Vehicle Placard	A diamond shaped sign that identifies the class of dangerous goods/hazardous materials on large containers and vehicles.	

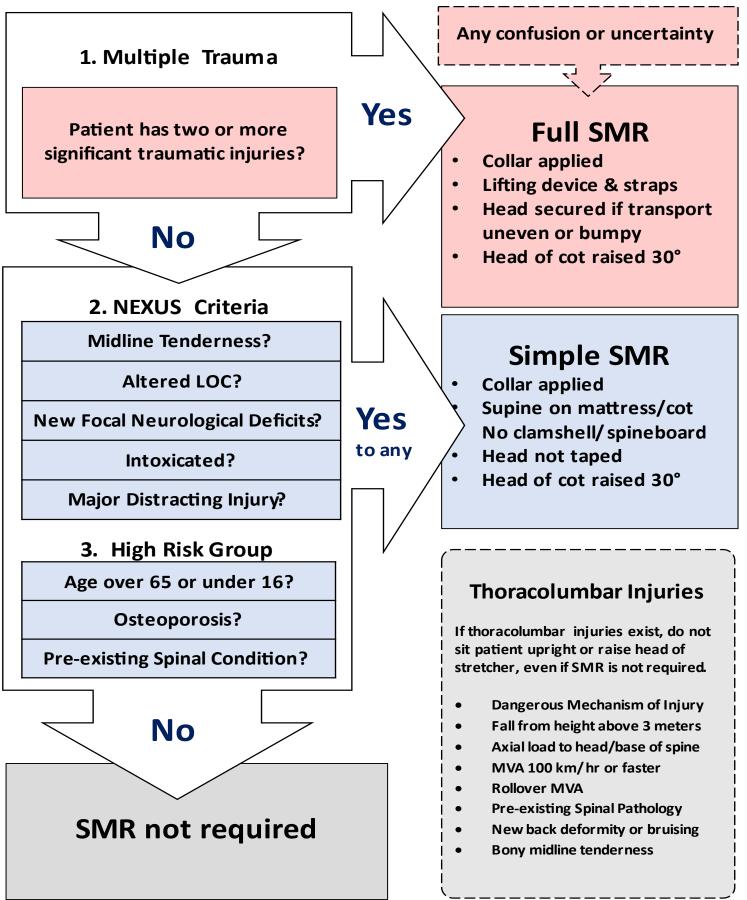
Chest Auscultation Points



Auscultate at least 6 points during each assessment. Allow two full breaths to go in and out at each point.

EMALB NEXUS SMR Decision Matrix for Injuries with Spinal Mechanism





ASA & Nitro (Cardiac Chest Pain)

ASA

Indications

(must be yes 🗹 to all to administer)

Chest Pain (suspected to be Cardiac in nature)

ASA Indications Met?

Contraindications

(must be no 🗷 to all to Administer)

Cannot safely chew/swallow tablets

Already taken full dose for this event

Allergy/Hypersensitivity to ASA/NSAIDS

ASA/NSAIDS previously triggered Asthma

Pediatric patient

ASA Contraindications Ruled Out?

*Cautions

- Recent internal bleeding
 - Known bleeding diseases
- Taking Anticoagulant Agents
 - Recent SurgeryPossibility of Pregnancy

*Cautions do not always preclude administration, but extra measures/permission, may be required.

Administer ASA? (Yes/No)		
When	Before TransportBefore Vital Signs	
How Much	w Much • (two 81 mg tablets)	
How Often	One dose only	
	Entonox (EMR ONLY)	
 Consider Entonox for chest pain relief if Nitro is contraindicated If you have given Nitro and are now using 		

 If you have given Nitro and are now using Entonox, and hospital arrival is not imminent 20 min following your last Nitro, discontinue Entonox, resume high flow O2 and administer additional Nitro as per protocol.



Nitro (EMR ONLY)

Indications

(must be yes 🗹 to all to administer)

Chest Pain (suspected to be Cardiac in nature)

Nitro Indications Met?

Contraindications

(must be no 🗷 to all to Administer)

Systolic BP below 110 mmHg

HR below 50 bpm or above 150 bpm

Cialis within the past 48 hours

Viagra/Levitra within the past 24 hours

Hypersensitivity/allergy to Nitrates

Nitro Contraindications Ruled Out?

*Cautions do not always preclude administration, but extra measures/permission, may be required.

Administer Nitro? (Yes/No)

Oversight permission if no Prescription

When	 After Vital Signs Gather information while transport is prepared First dose on-scene unless this will unduly delay transport
How Much	0.4 mg (one spray)Sublingual (under the tongue)

- Q3-5 to a maximum of 3 doses in a 30-minute period.
- Irrespective of any Nitro taken by the patient prior to arrival or the presence of a Nitro Patch.
- If pain completely relieved more than 5 min, then returns, this starts a new 30-minute period.

How Often



Epinephrine Administration – Auto-Injector (Epi-Pen)

Indications	 Anaphylaxis Signs of Anaphylaxis, Hx of Allergic Response, Exposure to Allergen, Unstable (DLOC, or Systolic BP < 90 mmHg or Respiratory Distress)
Contraindications	 There are no absolute contraindications to Epinephrine use in life-threatening situations such as anaphylaxis. Neither an Epi-Pen nor an Epi-Pen Jr. are appropriate for patients under 14 kg
Dose	 >30 kg Adult Epi-Pen (0.3 mg) Q5 up to 3 doses total as needed 14- 30 kg Epi-Pen Jr. (0.15 mg) Q5 up to 3 doses total as needed
Instructions	Confirmation Ensure indications are met and contraindications are ruled out Document full set of Vital Signs Auscultate Chest (6 points minimum) Preparation Ensure Auto-Injector is not expired. Examine window in Auto-Injector to ensure fluid is clear. Explain procedure to patient. Administration Remove safety cap. Firmly push the tip of the epinephrine auto-injector against the middle third of the patient's outer thigh. A click will be heard when the dose is administered. Hold the auto-injector in place for up to 10 seconds to allow time for the medication to enter the patient. Remove the auto-injector. Rub the injection site for up to 30 seconds, to promote absorption. Documentation Document medication name, dose, time, route and effects
Notes	 Transport Patients in respiratory distress require urgent transport. Transport may be deferred long enough to administer first dose of Epinephrine on scene as a critical intervention but significant delays in transport should be avoided.

Acetaminophen Administration



Indications	Mild to Moderate Pain
Contraindications	 Hypersensitivity to acetaminophen or any component of the formulation Severe alcoholic hepatitis or liver dysfunction with active alcohol consumption Acute liver injury Acetaminophen-induced liver disease
	 Adult (11 years or older) 15 mg/kg PO (Parenteral) to a maximum of 1000 mg Typically available in either 500 mg or 1000 mg tablets. May repeat once after 4 hours. 24 hour maximum of 3000 mg. In patients with suspected or known liver dysfunction (e.g., advanced chronic liver disease or cirrhosis), the 24-hour maximum should be lowered to 1,000-2,000 mg.
Dose	 Pediatric (up to 10 years old) < 30 kg 15 mg/kg PO (liquid preparation) 30 kg - 50 kg 500 mg PO (liquid preparation or tablets depending on patient ability) > 50 kg 500-1000 mg PO May repeat once after 4 hours 24 hours maximum 75 mg/kg or 1000 mg Do not exceed 5 doses in 24 hours for patients under 12 years old
Instructions	Confirmation Ensure indications are met and contraindications are ruled out Document full set of Vital Signs Preparation Ensure Acetaminophen is not expired and confirm doseage. Administration Patient swallows tablets or liquid preparation A small sip of water may be appropriate Responders may need to provide extra assistance to pediatric patients Document medication name, dose, time, route and effects
Notes	 Mild to moderate pain is very subjective The context for this type of oral analgesic is relief of pain such as a toothache, ankle sprain or simple headache. May be used concurrently with ibuprofen for analgesia.

Ibuprofen Administration



Indications	Mild to Moderate Pain
Contraindications	 Hypersensitivity to ibuprofen or other nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs Active GI hemorrhage or ulcers Pregnancy (first, second, or third trimesters)
Dose	Adult (11 years or older) • 300-400 mg PO (Parenteral) • May repeat every 4-6 hours. • Maximum daily dose of 1200 mg. Pediatric (up to 10 years old) • 10 mg/kg PO • May repeat once after 6 hours • Maximum daily dose of 40 mg/kg/day
Instructions	Confirmation Ensure indications are met and contraindications are ruled out Document full set of Vital Signs Preparation Ensure Ibuprofen is not expired and confirm doseage. Administration Patient swallows tablet(s) A small sip of water may be appropriate Responders may need to provide extra assistance to pediatric patients Documentation Document medication name, dose, time, route and effects
Notes	 Mild to moderate pain is very subjective The context for this type of oral analgesic is relief of pain such as a toothache, ankle sprain or simple headache. May be used concurrently with acetaminophen for analgesia.





	icagon protocol when there is suspected Hypoglycemia or Unresponsive NYD (not yet diagnosed) and appears incapable of maintaining their own airway.
Indications	 CapBgl < 4mmoL Incapable of following instructions or maintaining own airway
Contraindications	 Known hypersensitivity to glucagon Pheochromocytoma (tumor on adrenal gland)
	Intramuscular (IM) Injection
Dose	If < 25 kg: • 0.5 mg (one dose only) If ≥ 25 kg • 1.0 mg (one dose only)
Instructions	Confirmation Ensure indications met and contraindications ruled out. Document full set of Vital Signs including CapBgl. Preparation Expose injection site (deltoid or thigh) Clean area with alcohol swab and allow to air dry. Ensure glucagon is not expired or non-viable. Remove flip-off seal from glucagon bottle. DO NOT remove plastic clip from syringe. Swirl bottle gently until glucagon dissolves completely. Ensure glucagon is clear and has a water-like consistency. Using syringe, hold bottle upside down and, making sure the needle tip remains in the solution, gently withdraw all the solution (1mL mark on the syringe) from bottle. Holding syringe unright, remove needle from bottle and remove bubbles from syringe. Flick/tap syringe until all bubbles move to top and expel air until only medication is left. Administration Stretch injection site skin using Z-track technique. Insert needle at 90° angle to the skin and inject medication into muscle. Document ation
Notes	 Transport Patients with a decreased level of responsiveness require urgent transport. Transport may be deferred long enough to administer Glucagon on scene as a critical intervention but significant delays in transport should be avoided. Effects Glucagon does not introduce sugar into the body. Glucagon initiates the release of glycogen stored in the patient's liver into the bloodstream It can take 8-10 minutes for effects of glucagon to become evident. Effects may be minimal if patient does not have sufficient glycogen stores in their liver. Do not delay transport to see if the patient responds positively.

Glucagon Administration – Intranasal (IN)



	cagon protocol when there is suspected Hypoglycemia or Unresponsive NYD (not yet diagnosed) and appears incapable of maintaining their own airway.
Indications	 CapBgl < 4mmoL Over 4 years old Incapable of following instructions or maintaining own airway
Contraindications	 Known hypersensitivity to glucagon Pheochromocytoma (tumor on adrenal gland)
	Intranasal (IN) Spray
Dose	 3 mg (one dose only) Must be over 4 years old for Intranasal Spray
Instructions	 Confirmation Ensure indications met and contraindications ruled out. Document full set of Vital Signs including CapBgl. Preparation Check the glucagon package to ensure it is not compromised and is not expired. Remove packaging from tube, open lid and remove the device. Administration Hold the device between fingers and thumb: place your 2nd and 3rd fingers on either side of the nozzle and place your thumb on the plunger. DO NOT depress the plunger at this time. Place the tip of the nozzle into the nostril, inserting the tip until your fingers on either side are resting against the outside of the nose (approx. ¾" into the nostril). Firmly depress the plunger with your thumb until the green line disappears. Documentation Document medication name, dose, time, route and effects
Notes	 Transport Patients with a decreased level of responsiveness require urgent transport. Transport may be deferred long enough to administer Glucagon on scene as a critical intervention but significant delays in transport should be avoided. Responders must ensure indications are met, contraindications are ruled out, and a full set of Vital Signs including CapBgl are documented prior to first dose. Effects Glucagon does not introduce sugar into the body. Glucagon initiates the release of glycogen stored in the patient's liver into the bloodstream It can take 8-10 minutes for effects of glucagon to become evident. Effects may be minimal if patient does not have sufficient glycogen stores in their liver. Do not delay transport to see if the patient responds positively



Glucogel Administration - Parenteral

	l protocol when there is suspected Hypoglycemia with a decreased level of responsiveness and ears capable of maintaining their own airway.
Indications	CapBgl < 4mmoL Decreased Level of Responsiveness Capable of following instructions and maintaining own airway
Contraindications	🗆 n/a
Dose	 12-15 g glucogel (half of a 30 g tube) Q5 (up to 4 doses) Consult medical supervision before exceeding 4 doses
Instructions	 Confirmation Ensure indications met and contraindications ruled out. Document full set of Vital Signs including CapBgl. Administration Patient self-administers 15 g Glucogel Other sugars/juice/oral carbohydrates may be appropriate Documentation Document medication name, dose, time, route and effects
Notes	 Transport Patients with a decreased level of responsiveness require urgent transport. Transport may be deferred long enough to administer first dose of Glucogel on scene as a critical intervention but significant delays in transport should be avoided. Additional Doses Remeasure capBgl every 5 minutes Apply another 15 g of Glucogel if still below 4 mmol/L Repeat for up to 4 doses (2 tubes) then consult Medical Supervision



EMR ONLY Salbutamol (Ventolin) Administration – Nebulizing Mask

Indications	 Shortness of Breath associated with Bronchospasm eg. Asthma, Bronchitis, Emphysema, COPD
Contraindications	 Known hypersensitivity to salbutamol Hemodynamically significant tachycardia
Dose	 Age > 1 year old 5 mg in 5 ml of solution Repeat as appropriate Q 10 minutes/when each dose is finished Age < 1 year old 2.5 mg in 2.5 ml of solution Repeat as appropriate Q 10 minutes/when each dose is finished
Instructions	Confirmation Ensure indications are met and contraindications are ruled out Document full set of Vital Signs Auscultate Chest Preparation Ensure salbutamol ampules are not expired. Twist off top of ampule and squirt appropriate amount into the well of the nebulizer Attach oxygen tubing to bottom of nebulizer and turn up O2 flow meter until medication begins to mist out of mask (usually 6-10 lpm) Administration Place nebulizer over patient's mouth and nose and instruct them to breathe as slowly and deeply as possible. When salbutamol is finished or after 10 minutes, reassess patient and repeat dose as appropriate. Document medication name, dose, time, route and effects
Notes	 Transport Patients in respiratory distress require urgent transport. Transport may be deferred long enough to administer first dose of Salbutamol on scene as a critical intervention but significant delays in transport should be avoided.



Salbutamol (Ventolin) Administration – Metered Dose Inhaler (MDI)

Indications	 Shortness of Breath associated with Bronchospasm eg. Asthma, Bronchitis, Emphysema, COPD
Contraindications	 Known hypersensitivity to salbutamol. Hemodynamically significant tachycardia. Under 10 kg
Dose	One MDI spray = 100 micrograms (mcg) which can also be expressed as 0.1 millgrams (mg) Adult (11 years or older) 4 x 100 mcg per course Repeat as needed Pediatric (up to 10 years old) < 10 kg
Instructions	Confirmation Ensure indications are met and contraindications are ruled out Document full set of Vital Signs & Auscultate Chest (6 points minimum) Preparation Shake inhaler and remove cap from inhaler Place mouthpiece of inhaler into spacer & remove cap from spacer Administration MDI upright with mouthpiece at bottom, have the patient tilt their head back slightly and instruct them to breathe out slowly and completely. Instruct the patient to place the mouthpiece of the spacer into their mouth. Press down on the inhaler to spray one puff of medication into the spacer, and instruct the patient to start breathing in and out slowly. Repeat process to the appropriate dose, removing the inhaler from the spacer after each spray to shake it, then re-inserting it to start the next spray/breath in the dose. Document medication name, dose, time, route and effects
Notes	 Transport Patients in respiratory distress require urgent transport. Transport may be deferred long enough to administer first dose of Salbutamol on scene as a critical intervention but significant delays in transport should be avoided.

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Epinephrine Administration – Intramuscular Injection (IM)

Indications	 Anaphylaxis Signs of Anaphylaxis, Hx of Allergic Response, Exposure to Allergen, Unstable (DLOC, or Systolic BP < 90 mmHg or Respiratory Distress)
Contraindications	• There are no absolute contraindications to Epinephrine use in life-threatening situations such as anaphylaxis
Dose	 1 ml of 1:1000 epinephrine hydrochloride solution contains 1 mg of Epinephrine Adult (11 years or older) 0.5 mg in 0.5 ml 1:1000 solution Q5 up to 3 doses total as needed Pediatric (up to 10 years old) 0.01 mg per kg of body weight in 1:1000 solution Maximum 0.5 mg per dose Q5 up to 3 doses total as needed
Instructions	Confirmation Ensure indications are met and contraindications are ruled out Document full set of Vital Signs Auscultate Chest (6 points minimum) Preparation Expose injection site (deltoid or thigh) Clean area with alcohol swab and allow to air dry. Ensure 1:1000 epinephrine hydrochloride is not expired. Calculate desired dose. Remove top/cover from ampule/bottle of epinephrine hydrochloride. Hold ampule/bottle upright, insert needle and draw solution into syringe. Tap syringe upright, remove needle from bottle & remove bubbles from syringe. Tap syringe until all bubbles move to top & expel air until only medication is left. Administration Stretch injection site skin using Z-track technique. Insert needle at 90° angle to the skin and inject medication into muscle. Document ation
Notes	 Transport Patients with a decreased level of responsiveness require urgent transport. Transport may be deferred long enough to administer first dose of Epinephrine on scene as a critical intervention but significant delays in transport should be avoided.



FAST VAN Stroke Mnemonic

F (Face)	Right-sided droop? Or Left-sided droop?		
A (Arm)	Right-sided weakness? Or Left-sided weakness?		
S (Speech)	Slurred speech?		
T (Time)	Awoke with Signs/Symptoms? Or Signs/Symptoms started less than 6 hours ago?		
 If "Yes" to T and any of the other F-A-S criteria, urgent transport to hospital and continue with VAN questions If "No" to T, but yes to any of the other F-A-S criteria, urgent transport to hospital 			
V (Vision)	Right gaze affected? Or Left gaze affected?		
A (Aphasia)	Naming difficulties?		
N (Neglect)	(Neglect) Ignoring one side of the body? (typically the left side)		
If "Yes" to any of the V-A-N criteria, notify receiving hospital of possible large vessel occlusion			

EMR ONLY IV Drip Set Calculations

Drip Set Sizes		a = atta = (atta a)						
Standard (Regular)	15 gtts / ml	 gtts = "drips" ml = "milliliters" 						
Macro (Adult)	10 gtts / ml							
Micro (Mini)	60 gtts / ml	 gtts / ml = "how many drips add up to one milliliter" 						
gtts / minute (drips per minute) = <u>volume (expressed in milliliters) to be infused X gtts / ml</u> Infusion time (expressed in minutes)								

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Common IV Solutions

Solution	Commonly Used For
Ringer's Lactate	Blood loss
D5W and D10W	Hypoglycaemia
Normal Saline	Dehydration
2/3 - 1/3	Dehydration

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Common IV Complications

Interstitial
Circulatory Overload
Thrombosis and Thrombophlebitis
Catheter Embolism
Infection of Catheter Site
Allergic Reaction
Air Embolism

Entonox Mnemonics

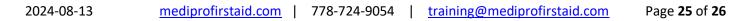
Contraindications			
С	inability to C omply		
D	Decompression sickness		
С	altered level of C onsciousness		
Р	P neumothorax		
Α	Air embolism		
I	Inhalation injury		
Ν	Nitroglycerin in the last 5 minutes		
Cautions			
S	Shock		
Α	Abdominal distension		
D	Depressant drugs		
С	COPD		
F	Facial Injuries		
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- Ensure the area is adequately ventilated, including turning on the vent system in the back of the Ambulance
- □ Auscultate the Chest to rule out Pneumothorax
- Contraindications mean you cannot administer.
- Precautions mean you need to fix something first, or monitor closely to ensure the Entonox is not creating/exasperating any problems
- □ 2 Precautions = Contraindicated

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Entonox Administration

Indications	Significant Pain					
Rule out Contraindications	• C-D-C-P-A-I-N					
Note Precautions	 S-A-D-C-F Nasal canula may be utilized to mitigate mild shock symptoms 					
Completed before administration	 SAMPLE, OPQRST and Vital Signs Contraindications ruled out (requires Chest Auscultation) Mix bottle if stored improperly Adequate ventilation secured (vehicle ventilation system activated if available) 					
Proper Storage	 Not left unused over long periods Not stored below -6 Celsius Stored horizontally (not vertically, which can cause component separation) 					
Instructions to Patient	 Self-administered using mask/bite valve "Pull" Entonox out of the bottle by inhaling through bite valve Pain should be relieved May begin to feel light-headed, giddy, drowsy or nauseas Stop or start at any time Use until pain is relieved or adverse effects are felt 					
After Discontinuing Entonox	Supplemental Oxygen with Non-Rebreather Mask at 15 lpm					
Cardiac Chest Pain	Consider Entonox to relieve chest pain if Nitro is contraindicated and has not been administered in the past 5 minutes					





Sager Traction Splint

 Utilized for suspected Femur Fractures not involving the hip or knee and with no RTC criteria. In the vast majority of circumstances the Traction Splint will be applied on-scene. Traction splint applied after complete secondary survey, including head to toe. 				Saddle	
Assess injured leg	 Distal Pulse – check for presence or absence Motor-Sensory check Look and feel to determine exact location and extent of injury 		S	Hinge side down	
Analgesia	Administer Entonox as appropriate per Entonox protocols				
	 Adjust saddle to ensure short side of saddle hinge is down Nestle saddle against injured leg (short hinge down) Have helper stabilize splint 		Г	Thigh strap	
Apply Traction	Apply small thigh strap		check distal circulation		
	 Apply ankle harness above malleoli Apply traction of 10% body weight 15 lbs maximum per limb 5 lbs maximum for open fractures 5 lbs maximum for Pediatric patients 30 lbs maximum for Bi-Lateral fractures (15 lbs per leg) 	,	4	Ankle Strap	
			Ρ	Pull Traction	
	30 Ibs maximum for BI-Lateral fractures (15 lbs per leg)		check distal circulation		
Secure Splint	 Ensure adequate padding 3 straps around splintabove and below injury Secure thigh strapthen the other two straps 		L	Leg Straps	
	Secure Figure 8 Strap		he	ck distal circulation	
Reassess Injury	 Reassess all splint straps and Traction Gauge Ensure Leg in line with bodysame length as other leg 		E	Evaluate Traction	
	 Recheck presence or absence of Distal Pulse Ensure no movement / aggravation of injured limb 		S	Stirrup Strap	
		6	check distal circulation		