

HEMS protocols change since January 2025

1. 8.17 (S2) Additional Equipment and Training- Addition of Video Laryngoscope and Spit Hood to list of additional equipment
2. 5.3 Tachycardia- Joule guidelines for cardioversion
3. 8.32 Ambulance Transport of Operational Canines- new protocol for transport of a K9 dog. HEMS is looking into training for management of a K9 dog
4. 9.5 IV Ancillary Supply Exchange- Addition of lactated ringers for hospital IV exchange
5. 8.15 Interfacility Patient Transfers- changed to language for BLS transfers. What they can and cannot transport with approval of agency and training.
6. 4.5 Pediatric Respiratory Distress, Failure or Arrest- #3 is new addition to refer to Pediatric Crashing Patient protocol if needed. #10 if needed start treatment on scene and then initiate transport. Do not delay transport unless you need to treat to stabilize the patient.
7. 9.8 Naloxone Leave Behind Medication Kit Contents and Distribution Procedure- added the labeling requirements from the State. Please make sure all kits are labeled per the protocol.
8. 9.24 Fentanyl- Medication protocol to match the changes to the Pain Management Protocol.
9. 7.13 Pain Management- Fentanyl administration for adults is rounded up to the nearest dose of 25, 50, 75, 100 mcg. Adults is now everyone >14 years of age or older. Removed the half dose for adults 65 or older.
10. 7.9 (S2) Bougie- new protocol to allow for the use of a bougie device for difficult intubations and with your video laryngoscope.