

North Carolina College of Emergency Physicians: Standards for Medical Oversight and Data Collection

Prehospital Advanced Life Support Protocols, Policies, and Procedures 2005 Version

The North Carolina College of Emergency Physicians: Standards for Medical Oversight and Data Collection document is a guideline document promoting the development and standardization of patient care across EMS systems in North Carolina.

This document was generated by the EMS committee of the North Carolina College of Emergency Physicians (NCCEP) and has been formally adopted by the NCCEP Board of Directors. The EMS committee will review this document annually.

Formal comments or requests for change should be directed in writing to the State EMS Medical Director of the North Carolina Office of EMS. The State EMS Medical Director will present all requests for change to the North Carolina EMS Advisory Council at the first advisory council meeting of each calendar year. The NC EMS Advisory Council will then discuss and forward their recommendations to the NCCEP EMS Committee for consideration.

In the event that any component of this document is noted to have a critical error or there is an urgent need for this document to be adapted to protect or promote improved patient care or safety, the NCCEP EMS Committee may alter this document immediately. The EMS community will be notified accordingly.

The 2005 version of this manual reflects an ongoing effort to provide the best, appropriate EMS care based on each patient's needs and outcomes. These documents must be reinforced with a defined program of initial training, continuing education, and ongoing quality management.

The pages that follow represent the professionalism and dedication of the frontline emergency medical caregivers within North Carolina. These documents are a collaborative effort of the NCCEP EMS Committee and North Carolina EMS Community.

These documents may be found in a non-editable (pdf) format at **www.nccep.org**.

Summary of 2005 Changes

For the 2005 version of the NCCEP Standards, the following changes have been made:

* Protocol Documents

- * Addition of the WMD-Nerve Agent Protocol

* Procedure Documents

- * Addition of the Decontamination Procedure
- * A wording change has been included on all Procedure Documents addressing skill maintenance.

* Policy Documents

- * A wording change has been included to Child Abuse Recognition and Reporting Policy
- * A wording change has been included to the Domestic Violence Recognition and Reporting Policy

* Medications

- * Change from a Model System requirement for the use of Haldol to a requirement for a chemical restraint which could be Haldol, benzodiazepine, or other chemical restraint.
- * Change from a Model System requirement for the use of an NSAID for Pain Control to the requirement for two forms of analgesia which could be NSAIDS, Narcotics, Nitrous Oxide, etc.