

SPEMS Protocol Changes
Emergency Care Attendant (ECA)
2008-2009

NOTE: Throughout the Protocols, there are items listed in parenthesis as “recommended”. This means that these items are allowed and encouraged for the current Protocol version; but these items are NOT mandatory. However, these items will be MANDATORY for the next version of protocols. This will allow all services to make financial arrangements to purchase these items prior to the next protocol period.

Currently, the “recommended” ECA Items are:

- ResQPOD

PROTOCOL CHANGES

- **ECA Protocols created from the EMT Basic Protocols**
- **Every Page**
 - Changed EMT-Basic to ECA throughout protocols
 - Changed dates at bottom of each page
- **Cover Page**
 - Signature with October 1, 2008 date
- **Page P-2: Table of Contents**
 - Updated
- **Page P-4**
 - #7 (Skills Proficiency): Removed King Airway (recommended)/Combitube
 - The only ECA skill that requires 2 check-offs per year is AED
- **Page P-12 Treatment Procedures**
 - Addition of **RESQPOD (recommended)**
 - “The use of the ResQPOD is recommended yet optional for the adult patient in cardiac arrest. An adult patient is defined by AHA as one whom has reached puberty. EMT’s who have been properly trained in the use of the ResQPOD should apply the device directly to the ventilation adjunct ie.(BVM, King Airway, Combitube etc.) When used with CO2 monitoring the monitor should be placed between the ResQPOD and the ventilation device. The ResQPOD is not a ventilation device but provides its therapeutic benefit during chest compressions. Therefore it is necessary to maintain a good seal with the device during the chest compression phase of CPR. In the event that the patient resumes a pulse and/or spontaneous respirations the ResQPOD should be removed.”
- **Page P-13 Pre-Hospital Medications**
 - Removed all drugs except for oxygen, Oral Glucose, and Epi Auto-Injector (Adult and Pedi)

- **Page P-33 Equipment List**
 - Added “1ea- ResQPOD (**recommended** yet optional)”
 - All equipment or medications preceded with an * are NOT to be used at the ECA level
 - Added 1ea-Nasal airways (adult and child)
 - Added 3- Vaseline gauze

- **Page P-34 Equipment List**
 - Changed 2nd to last paragraph to state: “If you have medical direction for any medications or invasive equipment not listed here, you must attach written authorization for the use of such. This document must be signed by the SPEMS Medical Director.”
 - Changed dates and signed by Medical Director
 - Must be signed by Service Director

- **Throughout Algorithms**
 - Changed dates on bottom to 10/1/08
 - Eliminated the following drugs: Aspirin, Nitroglycerin, Albuterol, Xopenex, Activated Charcoal, Children’s Motrin, and Epinephrine SQ.
- **Page 4 Foreign Body Airway Obstruction**
 - Updated to meet AHA 2005 Guidelines
- **Page 7 Cardiac Arrest/Semiautomatic External Defibrillation**
 - Added in top box #4: “Use ResQPOD if the patient has reached puberty (optional)”
- **Page 9 Post Resuscitation Management**
 - Addition of box at top left that states “*Remove ResQPOD if previously used”

- **Supplement**
 - Alphabetical Listing of all drugs carried
 - Indications, dosages, contraindications, etc
 - One supplement for all levels
 - Includes ECA, EMT, Intermediate, and Paramedic drugs
 - Chart for Left Sided and Right Sided 12 EKG electrode placement