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### Memorandum

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TO: Advanced Life Support (ALS) Providers  
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SUBJ.: 2010 Policy Updates

The following is a summary of policy additions, deletions, and changes effective February 15, 2010. Please contact Kevin O'Loughlin at (209) 468-6818 or by email at [koloughlin@sjgov.org](mailto:koloughlin@sjgov.org) if you have any questions.

#### New Policies:

No. 2555 – Nasotracheal Intubation – Adult Performance Criteria.

#### Revised Policies:

No. 2541 – Paramedic Infrequently Used Skills: The King Airway was added to the list of infrequently used skills. Changes were made to the record keeping requirements for providers.

No. 2546 - Intraosseous Cannulation Performance Criteria: The word children was removed from the introduction. The Policy now allows the use of I/O's in certain adult patients (i.e., PEA, Asystole, and V-Fib/V- Tach).

No. 2547 - Transcutaneous Cardiac Pacing (TCP) Performance Criteria: This procedure now requires a Base Hospital Physician order.

No. 2560 – Paramedic Scope of Practice: The following was added: Twelve lead ECG's, or other airway adjuncts approved by the EMS Agency, and Atrovent.

No. 4102 – ALS Standard Medication and Equipment Inventory: Automatic implanted defibrillator magnets and Furosemide (Lasix) were removed. The maximum quantity of Morphine Sulfate was reduced to 40 mg for transport providers.

No 5700 – ALS Introduction: Will allow MICN's to relay orders from the Base Hospital Physician for those procedures or medications listed in the EMS Policy Binder. The

Paramedic shall document the Physician's name on the patient care report. If the Base Hospital Physician deviates from Policy, the physician must get on the radio/phone and give the order.

No. 5702 – ALS Advanced Airway Management: The inflation volumes were deleted from the Authorized King Airway Sizes table.

No. 5711 - ALS Ventricular Fibrillation/Pulseless Vtach: ET tube medication administration language was modified for consistency with other policies.

No. 5715 – ALS Asystole: Requirements for Base Hospital Physician contact were modified for consistency with Policy No. 5103.

No. 5716 - ALS Pulseless Electrical Activity (PEA): Heart rate in #VIII was changed to 60. The change was made so all Bradycardiac heart rates in the Policies are defined as 60 or below.

No. 5717 - ALS Bradydysrhythmias: Policy name changed to ALS Bradycardia. The order for repeat doses of Atropine every 5 minutes prn (max 3 mg) was moved for consistency with other policies.

No. 5719 – ALS Acute Coronary Syndrome: Oxygen dose requirement changed to 12 – 15 lpm via non-rebreather mask. Morphine Sulfate administration was removed.

No. 5720 – Cardiogenic Shock: The language regarding Dopamine infusions was updated. The language has all Dopamine drips in the Policies set at the same infusion rates. This change will reduce the number of drip rates that have to be memorized.

No. 5726 – ALS Return of Spontaneous Circulation: The language regarding Dopamine infusions was updated. The language has all Dopamine drips in the Policies set at the same infusion rates. This change will reduce the number of drip rates that have to be memorized.

No. 5772 – ALS Acute Pulmonary Edema: CPAP Policy number was updated, and the use of Furosemide (Lasix) was deleted.

No. 5812 – Pediatric Bradycardia: Policy name changed to Pediatric Bradycardia., and the word primary was deleted from primary AV block (# E5). The word primary was removed to eliminate confusion over whether primary block was referring to a first-degree, second or third degree blocks. The Policy now refers to all AV blocks.

No. 5829 - Pediatric Altered Level of Consciousness: Several changes were made to clarify the dose and administration of dextrose. For children less than two years of age, D25% was changed to D50% and the dose was changed from 2 ml/kg to 0.5 ml/kg. The administration of D10% for neonatal patients was changed to a Base Hospital Physician order.

**Deleted Policies:**

Policy Memorandum 2007 – 02, incorporated into EMS Policy No. 5711.

Policy Memorandum, 2008 – 02, incorporated into EMS Policy No. 5719.

No. 5722 - Inappropriate Shock from an Implanted Defibrillator – Procedures no longer approved for paramedics.