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To: Florence County Fire Departments with Emergency Medical Responder Programs

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Subject: Patient Care Guidelines for Emergency Medical Responders

Attached please find the June 2011 version of Florence County's Patient Care Guidelines for Emergency Medical Responders (also known as medical first responders).

These guidelines contain generally accepted treatment modalities for medical emergencies and traumatic injuries frequently encountered by emergency medical responders in our county.

It is important to note that fire departments that provide medical first response in Florence County are not required to adopt and comply with these guidelines. Each department is certainly entitled to develop their own patient care guidelines.

Please direct any questions or concerns that you may have to the Florence County EMS Director, Ryon Watkins. He can be reached at 843.665.3038 or rwatkins@florenceco.org.

FLORENCE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDER




PATIENT TREATMENT GUIDELINES

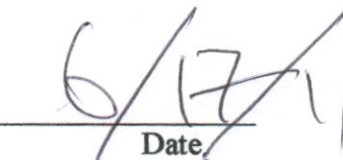
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NOTE: THE CONTENT OF THESE GUIDELINES WAS APPROVED BY THE FLORENCE COUNTY FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION AT THEIR MEETING ON JUNE 13, 2011.



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Patient Treatment Guidelines

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Patient Treatment Guidelines

Universal Patient Care Protocol

- 1 Assure scene safety. Assure appropriate personal protective equipment (gloves, safety glasses, gown, etc.).
- 2 Assess ABC's.
- 3 Apply pulse oximeter, if available.
- 4 Apply oxygen, as needed, at 15 lpm via non-rebreather mask (if available).
- 5 Perform initial assessment following appropriate assessment procedure.
- 6 Assess vital signs.
- 7 Obtain SAMPLE history.
- 8 Proceed to protocol appropriate for patient's chief complaint and assessment findings.
- 9 Notify dispatch of the number and category of patients as soon as possible.

Abdomen Pain / GI Bleed

- 1 Perform primary survey and initial medical assessment
- 2 Perform appropriate airway management, be alert for vomiting
- 3 Apply oxygen as needed, at 15 lpm via non-rebreather mask (if available).
- 4 Place patient in position of comfort
- 5 Give patient nothing by mouth

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