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## MEMORANDUM

To: All EMS Agencies, Medical Control Physicians and EMTs

From: Jennifer L. Paddock, Director  
Division of EMS and Trauma

Date: November 1, 2010

RE: 2010 SC EMS Pre-Hospital Protocols

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The Department has approved the publication of the 2010 Edition of the South Carolina Emergency Medical Services Pre-Hospital Protocols. This latest edition contains treatment modalities for all levels of emergency medical response in accordance with the recently published National EMS Education Standards. It is intended to be all inclusive of information necessary to provide the appropriate treatment and transportation to the citizens and visitors of our State. As such, this edition is broken into the following sections:

- I. General Protocols
- II. Medical Protocols
- III. OB-Pediatric Protocols
- IV. Trauma Protocols
- V. Procedures & Skills
- VI. Policies
- VII. Appendix
- VIII. Forms

Like earlier editions, it is important to remember that this document serves as a guideline only. Medical control physicians are under no obligation to adopt this document verbatim and may continue to use the approved treatment protocols already established for their EMS agency. These protocols do not authorize the use of skills, techniques, pharmacological agents or dosages beyond those approved by the Department.

It is the intention of the Department to eventually move toward the use of mandatory state-wide protocols for all agencies. We would like to ensure that when this occurs, the finished product will take into consideration the unique qualities of our regulated community. Please take the next year to review and provide suggestions for improvement. A formal process for submitting comments will be provided via CIS messaging in the next few weeks.

This edition would not have been possible without the leadership and dedication of our state medical director, Dr. Ed DesChamps and the collaborative efforts of the South Carolina Medical Control Committee, the North Carolina Office of EMS, Dr. Greg Mears, Greg Kitchens and numerous South Carolina training officers and physicians. Special recognition goes to Russell Barlow for his contribution formatting and revising this document.

A complete copy of the protocols can be downloaded from the Division's website. Should you have trouble viewing the document or have questions, please contact Henry Lewis at [lewishp@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:lewishp@dhec.sc.gov) or 803-545-4204.