



## Central Shenandoah Emergency Medical Services Council

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Date: October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
To: Regional EMS Providers/Agencies  
From: Jeremy Green, CSEMS Council   
Re: 2017 Protocol Update

The Central Shenandoah EMS Council is proud to announce the release the 2017 Prehospital Standard Patient Treatment Protocols. The modified protocols are highlighted by the introduction of the i-gel and i-gel O<sub>2</sub> supraglottic airways, EMT administered naloxone, and the VAN Stroke Assessment. Other protocols introduced in the updated 2017 protocols include Cardiac Arrest – Special Resuscitation Circumstances, Septic Shock, and Mean Arterial Pressure. Important changes to certain drug profiles have resulted in modifications to protocols that call for the administration of ketamine, calcium chloride, dextrose 50%, and prednisone, which has been removed from the protocols and no longer stocked in CSEMS drug boxes.

**The protocol changes will become effective on November 1, 2017.**

The updated protocol documents can be downloaded on the Council's website and through the training courses. In addition to this update, a protocol modification guide has been produced to assist you in easily identifying all of the modifications made to the protocols. The modification guide can be found on the protocol page as well at [www.csems.org/agencies/protocols](http://www.csems.org/agencies/protocols).

### Protocol Training

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**All Providers.** The Council has produced on-line protocol training modules to update and train all EMS providers on the protocol changes. It is important all providers complete this training as there have been many modifications to treatment protocols that affect each level provider's scope of practice. Training is available on the Council's CSEMS Learning Hub, Moodle, at <http://education.csems.org/>. To access the online training courses, providers need to first create an account by clicking the "Create an Account" icon at the bottom of the CSEMS Learning Hub information page located at <https://www.csems.org/training/csems-learning-hub/>. Providers that have an existing CSEMS Learning Hub account must update any changes to their certification number and affiliations through the 'Edit Profile' feature. After creating an account, Council staff will verify your account request, enroll you in any training courses that you'll need, and make getting started easy for you. Instructions are included with the training. **Important:** Please ensure the following when creating your account request:

- Double check your Virginia EMS certification number when entering it.
- Make sure you select the correct agency that you are affiliated with from the drop down list.
- Incorrect information cannot be processed and will delay your registration until corrected.

***Providers that completed training modules released during July are not required to repeat the training, however, are still responsible for understanding and integrating the latest update.***

After fulfilling the objectives of the online training, a certificate of completion will be available and must be downloaded to finish the training module. There is an online training module for EMTs that, amongst other changes, covers intramuscular naloxone administration, which EMTs that fulfill updated BLS Local Protocol training will be responsible for effective November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

EMTs, Stand-by for intramuscular naloxone skills training and testing that will be conducted through the BLS Local Protocol Program.

### **Drug Boxes**

As of August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017, regional hospital pharmacies have modified the cardiac drug boxes based on the changes to the protocols. Prednisone will be removed from the Drug.

### **Field Guides**

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Updated Field Guide inserts are under development. An announcement will be posted when they are available.

If you have any questions concerning the protocol changes, please contact the CSEMS Council at 540-886-3676 or [csems@vaems.org](mailto:csems@vaems.org).