

## INTRODUCTION TO THE PROTOCOLS

The following protocols are intended to give guidance to the First Responders, EMT's and RN's working under the auspices of Arlington Ambulance, Dufur Ambulance, Mid-Columbia Fire & Rescue, Wamic Rural Fire Protection District, Rufus Ambulance, Sherman County Ambulance, Southern Wasco County Ambulance and Wasco County Search and Rescue. They are not intended to eliminate or discourage consultation with Medical Control, nor to give authority for patient care outside of the State of Oregon EMT/ First Responder scope of practice. Each EMS provider is expected to know their legal and personal limits. These protocols are also not intended, nor can they be expected, to cover every conceivable patient condition or situation that the EMS provider may encounter. Individual judgment must be used and if there is a question, the base Physician should be contacted before questionable treatment is instituted.

While the protocols are separated into First Responder, Basic, Intermediate and Paramedic levels of care, all EMS providers should follow the guidelines for basic care before proceeding onto a higher level of care.

If treatment is given (or withheld) not in accordance with these written guidelines, the exceptions will be documented on the prehospital care report.

All patient care and prehospital care reports are subject to review by the EMS Medical Director and others as may be designated by the Medical Director. This review process is not intended to be punitive, but to ensure continuing high-quality patient care.

As EMS Medical Director, I approve these protocols, and authorize the EMT's to operate under them.

Any off duty EMT is authorized to function in all the areas listed above.



Erin Burnham, MD  
EMS Medical Director

3/19/13  
Date

As EMT, I have read and understood these protocols and will operate within the scope of these protocols as a provider for the following agency:

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Agency

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EMT

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Date