

## INTRODUCTION TO THE PROTOCOLS

The following protocols are intended to give guidance to the Emergency Medical Responders (EMRs), Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs), Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians (AEMTs), EMT Intermediates (EMT-I), Paramedics (EMT-P) & Registered Nurses (RNs) working under the auspices of 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 Emergency Medical Service Provider scope of practice. Each EMS provider is expected to know their legal and personal limits. The RN designation in the protocols indicates the minimum level of care that RNs working in EMS can perform, however those with additional training may function to the level of their training as licensed with the State of Oregon EMS and Trauma Systems.

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 Emergency Medical Responders, Emergency Medical Technician, Advanced Emergency Medical Technician and Paramedics 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 Supervising Physician and others as may be designated by the Supervising Physician. This review process is not intended to be punitive, but to ensure continuing high-quality patient care.

As Supervising Physician, I approve these protocols, and authorize the EMS providers affiliated with the above listed agencies to operate under them.

Any off duty EMT is authorized to function in all the areas listed above as long as they remain within their scope of practice and follow the appropriate treatment protocol.



Erin Burnham, MD  
Supervising Physician

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Date

As EMS Provider, 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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EMS Provider

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Date