

San Francisco EMS Agency
Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee
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Public Comment – Medical Director Response

Document	Name	Organization	Section	Comment	Medical Director Response
Protocol 7.01 Airway Management	SFFD	SFFD	ALS Treatment	Use language “For patients less than 8” to replace “For patients between age 0 and 8” and “For patients 8 and greater” to replace “For patients greater than 8” to clarify	Agree. Policy updated.
7.07 – CPAP	SFFD	SFFD	Indications	Consistent phrasing for age as 7.01	Agree. Policy updated.
	SFFD	SFFD	General	Utilize bullet points versus lengthy phrases for ease of use for field providers	Agree. Policy updated.
	SFFD	SFFD	Indications	Want to add contraindication of not utilizing CPAP on patients with GCS < 13	Agree. Policy updated.
4040 – Procedures and Documentation for Non- Transports	SFFD	SFFD	General	Reformat so it will fit on two pages so field providers can easily utilize in the field	Reviewed. Would consider based on comment #3 for Policy 4040.
	SFFD	SFFD	Appendix 3	Regarding labeling patients as “challenging” and/or “complex”: Remove language that defines patient in a potentially negative light	Agree. Policy updated.
	SFFD	SFFD	Appendix 3	Definitions of PDT and AMA are not consistent with rest of Policy 4040. Remove defining language after “PDT” and “AMA”. Just leave as “PDT” and “AMA”.	Reviewed.
5001 – Trauma Triage Criteria	SFFD	SFFD	Section II	Physiological criteria is difficult to read and absorb. Use a table.	Alternative formatting to be discussed at 10.12 EMSAC meeting
	SFFD	SFFD	Section II	Define “major impact”	Clarification provided.
	SFFD	SFFD	Section II	3 defines any moving vessel (transportation device) and 4 defines and pedestrian versus moving vessel. Suggest rephrase: > “3. Moving vessel, for example, motorcycle, motorized vehicles, bicycles, skateboard, scooter, etc.” > 4. Pedestrian versus moving vessels”	Agree; policy updated
	SFFD	SFFD	Section III	Define “Low level falls”, e.g. < 10 feet, ground level, rolls off bed, etc. Should be consistent with MOI #1	Agree; policy updated

Midazolam	SFFD	SFFD	Pediatric Dosing Guidelines	Dosing language confusing for adult and pediatric. Use table format.	<p>Table format is inconsistent with other medication pages. There will be a review of policy, protocol, and medication page formatting in the near future, with the potential for comprehensive revision.</p> <p>The discrepancy between adult/pediatric maximum doses for seizure/agitation has been corrected. Clarifying language for all pediatric dosing was added to specify that repeat doses may be given but should not exceed the initial weight-based dose, and the total of both should not exceed 5mg/10mg. This revision, and any future revision based on feedback at EMSAC, will go back to the EMS Pharmacy representative for final review.</p>
Epinephrine Infusion	SFFD	SFFD	Adult and Pediatric Dosing	Use consistent language for "drip" and "drop".	Change made