Genesee County GENERAL TREATMENT

GENERAL PRE-HOSPITAL CARE

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Section 1-1

General Pre-Hospital Care

Patient care should be initiated at the patient's side prior to patient movement or transport for most medical conditions. EVERY PATIENT CONTACT BEGINS WITH THIS PROTOCOL

- 1. Pediatric Patients (≤ 14 years of age up to 36 kg) are treated under pediatric protocols when applicable.
 - a. Refer to MI MEDIC cards for medication dosing and equipment sizes.
- 2. Assess scene safety and use appropriate personal protective equipment.
- 3. For trauma refer to General Trauma-Treatment Protocol
- 4. A patient exhibiting any signs of a life-threatening illness or injury shall not be required to move on their own. This includes patients with illnesses of unknown etiology.
- 5. If applicable, refer to Adult or Pediatric Crashing Patient/Impending Arrest-Treatment Protocol.
- 6. Complete primary survey.
- 7. When indicated, implement airway intervention per the **Airway Management- Procedure Protocol.**
- 8. When indicated, administer **oxygen**, and assist ventilations per the **Oxygen Administration-Procedure Protocol**.
- 9. Assess and treat other life-threatening conditions per appropriate protocol.
- 10. Obtain vital signs including pulse oximetry if available or required, approximately every 15 minutes, or more frequently as necessary to monitor the patient's condition (A minimum of 2 sets are required for all patient transports. Two sets are suggested for patient refusals and treat and release patients.)
- 11. Perform a secondary survey consistent with patient condition.
- 12. Follow specific protocol for patient condition.
- 13. Document patient care according to the **Documentation and Patient Care Records Protocol**.
- (S) 14. Establish vascular access per Vascular Access & IV Fluid Therapy-Procedure Protocol when fluid or medication administration may be necessary.
- 15. Apply cardiac monitor and treat rhythm according to appropriate protocol.
 - 16. If applicable, obtain 12-lead ECG (Per MCA selection, may be a BLS or Specialist procedure) see **12 Lead ECG-Procedure Protocol**. Provide a copy of the rhythm strip or 12-lead ECG to the receiving facility, be sure to place patient identifiers on strip.
 - 17. Use capnography/capnometry as directed per End Tidal Carbon Dioxide Monitoring -Procedure Protocol
 - 18. For patients experiencing altered mental status, weakness, dizziness, or falls the CSS and FAST-ED should be completed.

NOTE: When possible, provide a list of the patient's medications or bring the medications to the hospital.

Protocol Source/References:

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