

Minnesota BLS Ambulance Template
EMS STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES
Patient Care Guidelines

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

The enclosed patient care guidelines, protocols, policies, and procedures are provided to Minnesota BLS services as a template upon which to build their own service specific protocols. They represent a minimal acceptable level of care based on the best evidence based medicine and opinion of professional organizations such as the American Heart Association, National Association of EMS Physicians, American College of Emergency Physicians, National Association of EMTs, and is consistent with the scope of practice set forth in Minnesota statute by the EMSRB.

Each guideline is consistent with the MNSTAR Provider Impression and organized with the following information.

Sign & Symptoms: List of the most common

Causes: Associated provider impressions are included.

History: List of important facts to gather

Treatment: Major points to address during patient care. **The medical director must approve the listed medications and procedures.**

ALS: List of consideration for ALS intercept and how to assist ALS. **The service director and medical director must closely evaluate this list.**

Other Considerations: Additional information provided as necessary.

Medications and procedures are listed separately and their indications, contraindications, and specifics of how to administer are listed. **The service medical director must approve the indications, doses, and points at which on-line medical control should be contacted.**

There are EMS policies that require medical director involvement included in this manual. **The medical director and service director should determine which policies to adopt and which if any to edit for their service.**

The final version adopted should only include those medications and procedures for which the service has a variance and/or medical director approval.