San Mateo County Emergency Medical Services

Guide to Protocol Utilization

**History**
- Important history items
- Circumstances of event
- SAMPLE
- Time of onset
- Duration

**Signs and Symptoms**
- Important signs and symptoms specific to each protocol

**Differential**
- A list of other diseases or injuries that should be considered

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**BLACK BOX**
Highlights important information

**RED BOX**
Highlights critical information
May direct to another protocol

**G01 General – Routine Medical Care Protocol**
Will be used on all patients and will not appear on individual protocols

**Signals protocol within a protocol**

**Information box**

**Decision Point**
Darker outline to highlight

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**TEAL BOX**
Specialty hospital information and alerting when criteria are met

**ORANGE SHADING**
Indicates transport decision based boxes that may not be to the closest hospital

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**EMS Provider Legend**

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**Notification and Medical Direction Legend**

| Notify receiving facility. Consider Base Hospital for medical direction |

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**Pears**
- Important information specific to each protocol will appear here.
- Will usually appear on last page of specific protocol.
- Important exam items listed here specific to the protocol.