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

**Information box**

**Decision Point**
Darker outline to highlight

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**Orange Shading of Information Box**
Indicates transport decision based boxes that may not be to the closest hospital

**Gray Shading of Information Box**
Medication (Bolded) Administration
Dosages found on SMC Drug Card
Normal face provides guidance if present

**Teal Shading**
Specialty hospital information and alerting when criteria are met

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**EMS Provider Legend**

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**Notification and Medical Direction Legend**

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<td>Notify receiving facility. Consider Base Hospital for medical direction</td>
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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.