



MEDICAL DIRECTOR APPROVAL



Escambia County, Florida - ALS/BLS Medical Protocol

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The following protocols (Escambia Edition, Florida Common Protocols) are intended to secure the provision of uniform excellence in pre-hospital care to the citizens and visitors of Escambia County. The primary purpose of these protocols is to serve as guidelines for prehospital care.

Quality prehospital care is the direct result of comprehensive education, accurate patient assessment, good judgment, and continuous quality improvement. All Escambia County Bureau of Public Safety, Emergency Medical Services and Career Fire Rescue, personnel are expected to know the protocols and understand the reason for their use. Escambia County Bureau of Public Safety, Emergency Medical Services and Career Fire Rescue, personnel should not perform any step or steps in a protocol if they have not been trained to perform the procedure or treatment in question.

These protocols may only be used by State of Florida Certified Emergency Medical Technicians or State of Florida Certified Paramedics that are employed by Escambia County Bureau of Public Safety, Emergency Medical Services and Career Fire Rescue, and have been cleared by the medical director. These protocols are ONLY to be used while on duty and you will not utilize these protocols outside of work with Escambia County unless such work is with another agency contracted with the system, or is covered under another policy or contract.

All Escambia County Bureau of Public Safety, Emergency Medical Services and Career Fire Rescue, personnel must adhere to the standards defined in these protocols, or face disciplinary action.

These Protocols have been authorized by the Escambia County Bureau of Public Safety Medical Director under Florida Statute 401, and Florida Administrative Code 64J. Protocols will be reviewed and updated on an "as needed" basis.



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