

MEMO

To: Mecklenburg County First Responder Agencies

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Re: Medic Updates

Medic has updated several ALS protocols and is in the process of activating these changes:

Pediatric Transport Destination

Priority-1 and Priority-2 pediatric MEDICAL patients will only be transported to one of the two children's hospitals – Levine Children's Hospital at Carolinas Medical Center or Hemby Children's Hospital at Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center

- Choice of destination will be based initially on patient/family choice. Patients/families without a preference will be transported to the closer of the two based on mobile mapping data
- Patients with ongoing CPR or need for emergent intervention (e.g. airway management) will be transported to the closest facility available
- No change to destination of Priority-1 and Priority-2 pediatric TRAUMA patients – Carolinas Medical Center
- No change to Priority-3 medical or trauma patients – to any emergency department

Hypoglycemia management

Medic will change from Bristojet amps of 25ml of D50 to 250ml bags of D10

- Dosing will be to administer 100ml (4ml/kg for pediatric patients; 2 ml/kg neonates); reassess and repeat dosing based on patient condition

Pediatric Airway Management

Medic will discontinue endotracheal intubation of pediatric patients (age < 14-years)

- King LT sized 2 and 2.5 or BVM will be utilized (extends down to 12kg; 3 feet height)
- The addition of pediatric King-LT airway will extend to first responders in the near future

With most recent literature recommendations Medic will discontinue utilization meconium aspirator and deep tracheal suctioning in newborns

- Oropharyngeal suctioning and BVM support represent the standard care



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