

The following is the list of changes to the January 2016 Denver Metro Protocols:

1. 0008 General Guideline: Refusal - Clarification of "High Risk Patients" and referral to protocol 4015 Alcohol Intoxication for how to handle potentially intoxicated patients
2. 0011 General Guideline: Free-Standing Emergency Departments as EMS Destination - List of approved agencies removed and added language stating only hospital-affiliated free-standing emergency departments can receive ambulances.
3. 0020 General Guideline: 911 System Response to Request for Interfacility Transport – New protocol to provide guidance when responding to a 911 request at a healthcare facility (e.g. free-standing emergency department)
4. 0170 Procedure Protocol: Transcutaneous Cardiac Pacing - Initial current changed from 40 mAmps to 80 mAmps
5. 0180 Procedure Protocol: Therapeutic Induced Hypothermia After Cardiac Arrest - Protocol has been removed
6. 2025 Post-Resuscitation Care with ROSC - Updated to include information about targeted temperature management (TTM) and directs treatment of hypotension to the 4060 Medical Hypotension/Shock protocol
7. 5090 Burns – Swedish Medical Center added as a regional burn center for any age patient, voice changes/hoarseness added as critical signs to look for, emphasized consideration of CO poisoning, and added volume suggestion in addition to rate for fluid resuscitation.
8. 7010 Calcium Gluconate protocol changed to 7010 Calcium allowing for administration of calcium gluconate or calcium chloride.
9. 7010 Dextrose dose for < 1 year changed to 5-10 mL/kg of a 10% solution from 2-4 mL/kg.
10. 7010 Antiemetic – No change to Zofran contraindications
11. 7010 Hemostatic Agent – New protocol
12. 7010 Opioids – Shivering changed to targeted temperature management (TTM)

Updates to 8010 Quick Reference Guide:

1. Therapeutic induced hypothermia was removed
2. Calcium gluconate changed to calcium
3. Topical hemostatic agent change to hemostatic agent