

January 2026 DMEMSMD Protocol Changes:

1. 0050 Field Pronouncement
 - a. Updated based on criteria from Prehospital Trauma Compendium:
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2. 1030 Cricothyrotomy
 - a. Change to step regarding incision.
3. 1060 Non-Invasive Positive Pressure Ventilation (NIPPV) – Protocol formerly known as CPAP
 - a. Protocol name changed. CPAP replaced with NIPPV throughout protocol.
 - b. Respiratory rate indication based on tachypnea for age.
 - c. Contraindication changed to hypotension for age.
 - d. Update to technique.
 - e. CPAP will be for EMT and above; Bi-level will be Paramedic only.
 - f. Additional information added to precautions regarding patients with do not resuscitate orders.
4. 1090 Cardioversion
 - a. Indication updated.
 - b. Sedation criteria changed to BP of 80 mmHg or less; if hypotensive consideration of administration of fentanyl added to protocol.
 - c. Precautions updated to discuss use of fentanyl for pain if benzodiazepine contraindicated.
 - d. Additional guidance added in protocol regarding verification of mechanical capture
5. 1110 Intraosseous Infusion
 - a. Distal femur IO for pediatric patients added as preferred.
6. 3080 Hypertension
 - a. Reference regarding 12-lead acquisition deleted.
7. 4070 Drug/Alcohol Intoxication
 - a. First step in the protocol updated to emphasize decision making capacity prior to patient evaluation in protocol.
8. 8010 Traumatic Arrest
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