

General Patient Care Guidelines

These guidelines were created to provide direction to each level of certified provider in caring for all types of patients. All of these directions, dosages and provisions are subject to change with a later notice or revision of the guidelines. The OLMC physician will always be the final word on treatment in the field. If there are ever any discrepancies between the guidelines and the OLMC physician these should be documented and brought to the attention of the physician at the receiving hospital. If the explanation is not sufficient, the provider should bring the issue to their medical director or the BEMSP for review.

General Approach to General Patient Care Guidelines

- Assess your patient prior to initiating a guideline.
- More than one guideline may apply.
- If conflicts arise between treatment guidelines, contact OLMC for clarification.
- Providers may provide treatment up to the level of their certification only.
- Air Medical Transport Service personnel function under their own clinical guidelines.
- Contact the receiving hospital and OLMC as soon as clinically possible for each patient.
- OLMC physician may change your treatment plan.
- Any variations to a guideline by the OLMC or physician should be clarified to ensure that the provider has properly characterized the situation.
- The OLMC Physician has the final word on treatment once contact is made.
- OLMC physician must approve usage of dosages in excess of the guideline.

General Pediatric Considerations

- Pediatric reference based tape dosing is preferred over calculated dosages for infants and children.
- Pediatric lowest acceptable systolic blood pressures are: birth to 1 month = 60mmHg, 1 month to 1 year = 70mmHg, 1 year to 10 years is = 70mmHg + (age x 2) and over 10 years = 90mmHg.

Ⓢ This symbol and yellow highlighted instructions precedes any treatment that requires OLMC prior to initiating the treatment unless otherwise specified.