

Target Audience

While this material is intended to be integrated into an EMS system's operational guidance materials by its medical director and other leaders, it is written with the intention that it will be consumed by field EMS clinicians.

To the degree possible, it has been assembled in a format useful for guidance and quick reference so that leaders may adopt it in whole or in part, harvesting and integrating as they deem appropriate to the format of their guideline, protocol, or procedure materials.

Any set of guidelines must determine a balance between education and patient care. This document purposefully focuses on the patient care aspect of EMS response. This does not preclude the individual medical director from using these guidelines and including additional education as well as incorporation of state, local, or jurisdictional operational procedures.

What is New in the 2022 Edition

All of the 2017 guidelines have been reviewed and updated, and additional guidelines and new evidence-based guidelines have been added to this edition. While some of the new material has been added as guidelines in the appropriate chapter, other topics have been incorporated into a previously existing guideline. New guidelines have been added to the 2022 edition for the following clinical conditions or scenarios:

- [Brief Resolved Unexplained Event \(BRUE\) & Acute Events in Infants](#)
- [Resuscitation in Traumatic Cardiac Arrest](#)
- [Tracheostomy Management](#)
- [Trauma Mass Casualty Incident](#)

In addition, with the permission and assistance of the American College of Surgeons – Committee on Trauma, we have included the [2022 National Guideline for the Field Triage of Injured Patients](#) as Appendix IX.

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