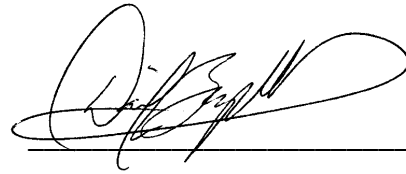


EL DORADO COUNTY EMS AGENCY

PREHOSPITAL PROTOCOLS

Effective: January 1, 2017



EMS Agency Medical Director

### BLS Routine Medical Care

Routine medical care is provided to all patients regardless of presenting complaint.

- I. Standard Precautions:
  - a. Application of body substance isolation precautions including the use of appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) shall apply to all patients receiving care, regardless of their diagnosis or presumed infectious status.
  - b. Body substance isolation precautions apply to :
    - i. Blood;
    - ii. All bodily fluids, secretions, and excretions except sweat, regardless of whether or not they contain visible blood;
    - iii. Non intact skin
    - iv. Mucous membranes
    - v. Standard precautions are designed to reduce the risk of transmission of microorganisms from both recognized and unrecognized sources of infection in the prehospital setting.
- II. Patient Assessment:
  - a. Primary Survey
  - b. Secondary Survey
- III. Initiation of appropriate basic life support (BLS) treatment including, when appropriate:
  - a. Monitoring vital signs
    - i. Initial set.
    - ii. Repeat every 5-10 minutes.
  - b. Initiation of spinal precautions.
  - c. Administration of oxygen.
  - d. Hemorrhage control.
  - e. Ensuring ALS transport response.
  - f. Initiation of specific treatments in accordance with El Dorado County EMS Agency Policies and Procedures.

