HEALTHEAST MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION MEDICAL OPERATIONS MANUAL

Preface

The practice of out-of-hospital medicine is constantly evolving and subsequently the guidelines pre-hospital professionals use must likewise evolve. This evolution is based, when possible, on the best scientific evidence and when not possible the best understanding of what has worked in the past to the benefit of the patient.

This 2016 edition of the HealthEast Medical Transportation Medical Operations Manual is the result of more than three years of research, study, practice, and even trial and error. This version presents a completely new format by combining treatment guidelines for adult and children. It provides additional material to educate the provider on not only what to do but why.

While these protocols are hoped to represent the current standard of care it is recognized that some patients do not present with the classic signs and symptoms that would lead a provider to use a specific guideline. Furthermore, while this manual has undergone multiple drafts and extensive review it may contain unrecognized errors. In such cases, providers are expected to follow generally accepted guidelines for care, medications, and procedures.

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With that said, this document is dedicated to the professional men and women of HealthEast Medical Transportation who strive for the highest quality in out-of-hospital care.

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