

INTRODUCTION / OVERVIEW

The protocols/clinical guidelines for the Bayfield-Ashland Counties EMS Council have been modeled after the Wisconsin EMS Protocols. EMS provider skills, equipment or medications are based on the DHS approved Wisconsin Scope of Practice and authorized for use by our EMS medical director. All levels of provider have been included.

- EMR – Emergency Medical Responder
- EMT – Emergency Medical Technician
- AEMT – Advanced EMT
- INT – Intermediate EM
- PARA – Paramedic

Skills are listed by level of provider and noted as Optional (O) or Required (R) based on the Wisconsin Scope of Practice. Examples:

- EMR-O
- EMT-R
- PARA-O

Each protocol begins with the most basic skills. Additional skills are listed as O (optional) or R (required) with licensure level changes based on the Wisconsin Scope of Practice.

Medications and skills listed as O (optional) require medical director approval and added to the operational plan to be implemented at the local service level.

The Clinical Guidelines, or PROTOCOLS, have been organized and numbered by section based on the state protocol document. The Universal Care Section is first to reduce the need for extensive reiteration of basic assessment and other considerations with every guideline.

Sections are abbreviated and numbered as follows:

- Universal (U-1 thru U-3)
- Cardiovascular (C-1 thru C-6)
- Medical (M-1 thru M-16)
- OB/GYN (OB-1 thru OB-3)
- Pediatric (P-1 thru P-5)
- Respiratory (RP-1 thru RP-4)
- Resuscitation (R-1 thru R-5)
- Trauma (T-1 thru T-9)
- Toxins and Environmental
 - Chemical Exposure (EC-1 thru EC-7)
 - Drug Overdose (ED-1 thru ED-5)
 - Environmental Injury (EE-1 thru EE-8)

The TABLE OF CONTENTS provides a listing of the pages of the 2021 Field Version 1 as well as the 2022 Administrative Version 1 of the Wisconsin EMS Protocols as reference to more in-depth educational sections related to each protocol.

The APPENDIX includes reference documents – abbreviations, charts, and checklists.