

NEVER simply disregard a standing order or guideline.

- These Standing Orders have been established so that EMS Personnel may provide the best care possible for our patients.
- Most patients can be treated by the Standing Orders included under a single guideline, however, some patients may have signs and symptoms of illness and/or injury that can and should be treated by more than one guideline.
- If utilizing multiple sets of clinical guidelines, be aware that combining Standing Orders may lead to medication errors, overdose, or medication incompatibility.
- In rare cases, following a Standing Orders from a particular clinical guideline may not be in the patient's best interest.
- You are expected to use your judgment and to always make decisions that are in the best interest of the patient and document such decisions.
- Always, if there is any question, contact online medical control.

Protocol for Deviation from Standing Orders:

- If you use more than one standing order when treating your patient, you must document your reasoning (i.e. clinical decision making) in the NARRATIVE SECTION of the Patient Care Report.
- If, in your judgment, disregarding or altering a standing order is not in the best interest of the patient, CONTACT MEDICAL CONTROL, regarding your treatment. Document the rationale for deviation, and the name of the physician giving the order.