

STANDING ORDER / PROTOCOL / PROCEDURE

The terms "Protocol" and "Standing Order" are not used interchangeably.

Protocol	A standardized system of medical care delivery for specific situations that requires online (direct telephone or radio contact) approval prior to implementation on a run.
Standing Order	Certain steps in advanced management for which prior approval has been obtained which does not require "on line" (direct telephone or radio contact) approval prior to implementation during a run.
Procedure	A specific set of instructions and steps for implementation of a skill

The use of Standing Orders and/or Protocols is considered minimum treatment for all patients perceived to require ALS intervention at the discretion of the caregiver making the patient evaluation.

Medical Control Signature: Authorization and Signature are required for any request made to Medical Control by the Paramedic during the course of patient care. This specifically refers to the administration of medication or procedures not covered by Standing Orders.