



Medical Directive

Directive Number	<u>17-04</u>
Publish Date	<u>19 July 2017</u>
Effective Date	<u>01 August 2017</u>
Subject	<u>System Implementation of Ketamine and New Patient Referral Guideline</u>
Update to Clinical Operating Guidelines v 03.08.17	

Credentialed System Responder	Action
Credentialed EMT	Action
Credentialed EMT-Intermediate	Action
Credentialed EMT-Paramedic	Action
Credentialed EMD	Action

The EMS Department has now been able to secure a sufficient supply of Ketamine to provide adequate stocking for each unit and a supply inventory to support this medication. Attached are the affected Clinical Guidelines for Ketamine use. You may begin using this medication on the effective day of this Medical Directive 01 August 2017 @ 0700 hours. Please review the information on this link: <https://spark.adobe.com/video/VjUW2MnDgOqhm>

Once Ketamine is implemented, all Guidelines and documents used by Special Operations for the Ketamine evaluation/trial become invalid and are no longer to be used for patient care.

A/TC EMS and the OMD have finalized the alternative patient transport programs (ATU, MCOT and direct transport to a Psychiatric Emergency Department). A single Clinical Guideline has been developed to establish a standardized set of criterion for referring patients under these programs. You may also begin using this new Guideline M-23 on the effective day of this Medical Directive 01 August 2017 @ 0700 hours. Please review the information on this link: <https://spark.adobe.com/video/zz48JTgrlyPwJ>

These and additional updated COG documents are listed on the attached table of changes.

Thanks for all you do. As always, please let us know if you have any questions. Questions relating specifically to the COGs can be sent to: coqs@austintexas.gov

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COG Change:	Affected Documents:
Add Ketamine to System	Guidelines M-07, M-16, T-02, Clinical References CR-35, CR-37, Drug Formulary DF-34. Discontinue all SO Ketamine trial documents
Add Patient Referral Guideline for ATU, MCOT and transport to Psychiatric Emergency Department: Patients ≥ 18 y/o	New Referral Guideline M-23, Appendix A-02 and Clinical Reference CR-13, <u>Remove: Clinical Procedure CP-17</u>
Update Current System Organizations List	OMDR 19
Clarify OOH DNR Exception to Criteria for Withholding or Termination of Resuscitation	Clinical Standard CS-06 and CS-08
Impedance Threshold Device: DO NOT use on CPR patients < 37kg (81 lbs.)	Clinical Procedure CP-35