Medical Directive

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Subject	Modifications to MPDS Protocols 24 & 28 and MPDS Obvious Death Criteria	Credentialed EMT-Paramedic	Information
Update to Clinical Operating Guidelines v 03.08.17		Credentialed EMD	Action

1. The following are approved high risk complications when using MPDS Protocol 24 Pregnancy / Childbirth / Miscarriage in the EMD environment.

    a) Premature Birth (24-36 weeks)
    b) Multiple birth (>24 weeks)
    c) Bleeding Disorder
    d) Blood Thinners
    e) Cervical cerclage (stitch)
    f) Placenta abruption
    g) Placenta Previa
    h) Female Genital Mutilation
    i) Other (approved by Medical Director)
       a. No Prenatal Care
       b. Midwife Requests EMS

2. MPDS Protocol 28 now determines the Stroke Treatment Time Window (T) for MPD to coincide with local policy. Based on OMD direction, T = 24 hours in the EMD environment.

3. The following criteria have been determined by the OMD to be considered an 'Obvious Death' in the EMD environment.
    a) Decapitation
    b) Decomposition
    c) Acceptable Decomposition Descriptions:
       a. Gross discoloration (black, green, etc.)
       b. Full body bloating
       c. Skeletal remains
       d. Rotting smell/odor (when accompanied by at least 1 above criteria)
    d) Full Body Incineration
    e) COLD and STIFF in a Warm Environment (>32F)
       a. EMD may clarify if only 1 portion of cold and stiff criteria is provided.
    f) Confirmed submersion greater than 2 hours

Thanks for all you do. Questions relating specifically to the COGs can be sent to cogs@austintexas.gov

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