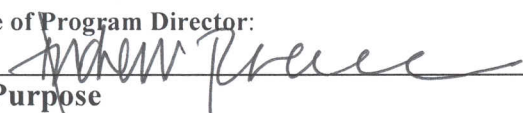
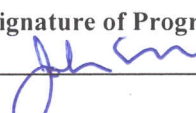


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1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To provide a comprehensive system of translating clinical evidence to clinical practice in order to enhance patient outcomes and safety.

2.0 Guiding Philosophy

- 2.1 Emergency Health Services (EHS) systems should adopt out-of-hospital devices, medications, protocols and procedures only after unbiased research has demonstrated their out-of-hospital benefit, safety and cost effectiveness.

3.0 Definitions

- 3.1 Clinical Practice Guidelines: guidelines for patient treatment and care based on scientific evidence and adapted to patient needs; formerly known as protocols.

4.0 Policy

- 4.1 EHS clinical practice guidelines must adhere to the guidelines outlined in Appendix A of this policy.
- 4.2 Out-of-hospital clinical practice guidelines must continuously align with evidence-based consensus on science and treatment recommendations and must be adapted to patient needs by incorporating evidence from:
- 4.2.1 Community needs
 - 4.2.2 Published evidence
 - 4.2.3 Operational evidence

5.0 Appendices

None

6.0 Reports

- 6.1 Quality Assurance Reports

7.0 References

None

8.0 Outcome Measurement

- 8.1 Sum total of clinical guideline proposals submitted.
- 8.2 Sum total of clinical guideline proposals accepted.

9.0 Revisions

- 9.1 Revision 3 - Policy Overhaul

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EHS clinical practice guidelines must consist of the following mandatory elements:

- **Scope and Purpose:** the aims of the guidelines are clearly described with objective, clear clinical questions defined and applications to patients described.
- **Stakeholder Involvement:** focusing on the extent to which guidelines represent the views of its intended users.
- **Appropriate Rigour of Development:** as it relates to the process needed to gather and synthesize evidence as well as the methods needed for formulating the recommendations.
- **Appropriate Clarity and Presentation:** focusing on specificity and distinct treatment options being considered, with appropriate application support tools.
- **Consideration of Applicability:** as it relates to organizational, behavioural and cost implications of applying the guidelines.
- **Maintenance of Editorial Independence:** of the recommendation and acknowledgement of possible conflict of interest from the guidelines development group.