Treatment Protocols

Chest Pain/Discomfort (Suspected ACS) - Adult

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Stable

Systolic blood pressure >90 mmHg

Unstable

Systolic blood pressure <90 mmHg, and/or signs of poor perfusion

Adult BLS Standing Orders

- Universal Patient Protocol
- Oxygen or ventilate as needed to O2 saturation of 95%

For suspected ACS:

- Aspirin chewable 324 mg PO May <u>assist</u> patient self-medicate with prescription
- Nitroglycerin 0.4 mL SL May <u>assist</u> patient self-medicate with prescription. SBP>100mmHg

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Adult LALS Standing Order Protocol

- Establish IV
- Capnography
- For suspected ACS:
 - Aspirin 324 mg PO chewable
 - Nitroglycerin 0.4 mg SL if SBP ≥ 100 mmHg MR x2 q5 min
 - Nitroglycerin 0.8 mg SL if SBP ≥ 150 mmHg MR x1 q5 min with persistently elevated SBP
 - Repeat vital signs between doses and types of nitroglycerin. Maximum dose 1.6 mg

- Establish IV
- Capnography
- 250 mL NS IV MR to a max of 1,000 mL to maintain a SBP of ≥ 90 mmHg if patient is without rales and there is no evidence of heart failure

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Adult ALS Standing Order Protocol

- Monitor EKG
- Establish IV/IO
- Capnography
- Obtain 12 Lead ECG *prior to administration of nitro*
- Pain Management Protocol PRN
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- Nitroglycerin 0.8 mg SL if SBP ≥ 150 mmHg
 MR x1 q5 min with persistently elevated SBP
- Nitroglycerin paste, 2%, 1 inch if SBP > 150 mmHg
- Repeat vital signs between doses and types of nitroglycerin. Maximum dose 1.6 mg

Hold nitroglycerin in suspected inferior STEMI patterns (ST elevation in II, III, avF)

• Aspirin 324 mg PO chewable

If patient develops arrhythmia, follow Dysrhythmia Protocol

 Dopamine 400 mg/250ml 5-20 mcg/kg/min titrate to SBP > 100 mmHg BH

Adult Base Hospital Orders

- BH NTG > 3 doses or NTG tablets/spray with nitro paste
- BH Repeat NS IV if BP < 100 mmHg SBP
- BH Dopamine 400 mg/250ml 5-20 mcg/kg/min titrate to SBP > 100 mmHg

Notes

- Report all automated, or paramedic identified 12-Lead interpretations of ***ACUTE MI*** or STEMI to receiving facility prior to arrival
- If chest pain has resolved prior to EMS evaluation, based on clinical history, provider should determine suspicion of ACS. If suspicion of ACS is high, medications should be administered appropriately.
- If LEMSA approved STEMI facility present, transfer all STEMI to STEMI center
 Prearrival ECG is required to be transmitted to STEMI center
- Aspirin is contraindicated for patients with known allergy or history of GI bleeds or ulcers
- If any patient has taken an erectile dysfunction medication such as Viagra, Cialis, Levitra within 48 hours, NTG is contraindicated and can be deadly
- May encounter patients taking similar medication for pulmonary hypertension (Revatio, Flolan, Veletri). NTG is contraindicated in these patients as well
- Aspirin should be given regardless of prior daily dose(s). Does not apply to pediatrics
- In all patients, ask for any history of heart problems, including Kawasaki's or previous heart surgeries for pediatric patients

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