# **Treatment Protocols**

## Heat Illness/Hyperthermia

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#### Stable

Blood pressure >90 mmHg

#### Unstable

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

## **Adult BLS Standing Orders**

- Universal Patient Protocol
- Give oxygen and/or ventilate PRN per **Airway Policy**
- Monitor O2 saturation PRN
- Remove patient from dangerous environment
- Blood glucose PRN

## **Heat Exhaustion (Not Altered)**

- Loosen or remove clothing
- Cool gradually (spraying with tepid water and fanning); avoid shivering
- If alert and no nausea, give small amounts of cool liquids by mouth
- Obtain baseline temperature

- Universal Patient Protocol
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- Remove patient from dangerous environment
- Blood glucose PRN

## Heat Stroke (Altered Mental Status)

- Remove clothing
- Implement rapid cooling measures, ice packs to axilla, groin, neck area
- Flush or spray with tepid water, fan patient
- Avoid shivering
- Obtain baseline temperature

# **Adult LALS Standing Orders**

Establish IV PRN

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#### **Heat Exhaustion**

• NS 500-1,000 mL IV MR x 1 to a max of 2,000 mL

## **Heat Stroke**

 NS 500-1,000 mL IV MR x 1 to a max of 2,000 mL to maintain a SBP of > 90 mmHg

# **Adult ALS Standing Orders**

- Monitor EKG
- Establish IV/IO PRN
- Capnography

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# Adult Base Hospital Orders • BH – Push-dose epinephrine per Shock Protocol

#### **Notes:**

- Always consider medical sources for hyperthermia such as:
  - o Sepsis or infection
  - o Intoxication or medication overdose (ex: serotonin syndrome)
- Remove warming factors if possible

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