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# **Treatment Protocols**

Heat Illness/Hyperthermia

Policy #9120A Unstable

Blood pressure >90 mmHg

Stable

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
- Capnography
- 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**
- Give oxygen and/or ventilate PRN per **Airway Policy**
- Monitor O2 saturation PRN
- Capnography
- 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
- Capnography

#### **Heat Exhaustion**

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

#### **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

**Heat Exhaustion** 

NS 500-1.000 mL IV/IO MR x 1 to a max of

2,000 mL

- Monitor EKG
- Establish IV/IO
- Capnography

#### Heat Stroke

NS 500-1.000 mL IV/IO MR x 1 to a max of 2,000 mL to maintain a SBP of > 90 mmHg

## **Adult Base Hospital Orders**

BH – Push-dose epinephrine per Shock Protocol

#### **Notes:**

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

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