

Policy and Procedures

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Title: General Care of the Patient

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Statement:

Cooperstown Medical Transport, Inc. (CMT) is committed to providing a high standard of care to our patients.

Purpose:

Certain basic procedures must be performed on all patients.

Scope:

This policy applies to all care providers of CMT.

Policy:

1. Certain basic procedures must be performed on all patients. These procedures include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - a. Vital signs, repeated as often as the situation warrants. At least two complete sets of vital signs need to be taken on each patient that needs emergency medical care, plus at least every additional 15-20 min.
 - b. Completion of a Prehospital Care Report (PCR).
 - c. Completion of a PCR Continuation form as needed.
 - d. Contacting the receiving hospital on 155.340 or 155.400 (if on-line Medical Control is not being provided by that hospital) and asking if they have been contacted about the patient. If they have not, present the pertinent patient information to them.
2. For further information refer to:
 - a. New York State Department of Health Statewide Basic Life Support Adult & Pediatric Treatment Protocols EMT-B and AEMT, General Approach to Prehospital Patient Management starting on page # 1-6.
 - b. Adirondack – Appalachian Regional Emergency Medical Services Council Regional Treatment Protocols 2002, page *i*.
3. All patients must be properly secured to all patient carrying and transporting devices. Refer to NYS DOH policy statement 88-01 and 98-13.
4. All treatment decisions will be based upon:
 - a. NYS DOH patient protocols, *or*
 - b. AAREMS protocols, *or*
 - c. CMT patient protocols *or*
 - d. Online Medical Control.