



SENECA COUNTY

Emergency Services



Standard Administrative Guideline

Subject: Special Event Coverage Treatment Guideline
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Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to establish a guideline for Seneca County EMS personnel to utilize when covering special events in Seneca County.

Background:

Several times per year Seneca County EMS is tasked with providing EMS coverage at many local sporting events, community events, festivals, and other events where large crowds gather.

Policy & Procedure

1. Cross country races and other endurance sporting events may have an intervening physician on site. Prior to the event, every effort shall be made to contact the physician or group that is providing care at these events. A physical copy of the Seneca County EMS protocols can be provided for their review. The physician shall sign a memorandum of understanding and have at least a conversation with the Seneca County EMS Medical Director prior to directing care at any special event.
 - Memorandum of understanding will simply state that the Physician has had an opportunity to review the Seneca County EMS prehospital care protocols and agrees to direct care at the special event.
2. If there are no Physicians on site our treatment goals are as follows:
 - Special Event Wellness Care to Athletes.

Environmental – hypo/hyperthermia – Treatment goals aimed at active warming/cooling and removing from the environment. Observe Patient for at least 30 minutes, monitoring body temp, vital signs.
Oral Hydration – at least 12 ounces of electrolyte solution over 30 minutes and re-evaluate
IV Fluids may be initiated up to 1 liter – contact Medical control to D/C and release the patient to parents.
Complete Patient Care Report must be completed.

Minor medical complaints – headache, nausea, elevated heart rate
Remove from Environment, monitor for at least 30 minutes, cardiac monitor, SpO2, body temp, and vital signs.
Re-evaluate for 30 minutes - Complete patient care report with refusal and parental signature.
Contact Medical Control if necessary

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Soft tissue injury – joint injury

Remove from Environment – elevate extremity, assess for pulse, motor, sensory deficits, Apply compression bandage, and ice pack – Monitor for at least 30 minutes

Patient may be released to parents for transport for assessment at local ED

Complete full patient care report with signatures for acknowledgement from parents/coaching staff

Endurance sports – hyperthermia, dehydration, electrolyte imbalance

Treatment goals aimed at active cooling and removing from the environment. Observe Patient for at least 30 minutes, monitoring body temp, vital signs, cardiac monitoring, protect patient modesty.

Oral Hydration – at least 12 ounces of electrolyte solution over 30 minutes and re-evaluate

IV Fluids may be initiated up to 1 liter – contact Medical control to D/C and release the patient to parents.

Complete Patient Care Report must be completed.

Major medical complaints – chest pain, shortness of breath r/t asthma or other illness.

ABC's – Remove from environment

Treat per protocol as the situation dictates.

All patients with primary chief complaint of Chest Pain or Shortness of breath shall be transported to closest emergency department for evaluation.

3. All events covered shall have a Medical Incident Commander appointed and all care, transport, medical control communication and decision making shall be the responsibility of the Medical Incident commander.
 - This person shall be designated prior to the event and shall be a paramedic or higher certification.
 - Pre-Incident planning shall include determining routes of transport, and review of the Incident plan with all personnel assigned to be engaged at the Event.
4. Community Events – Fairs, Festivals, other events that have large crowds should be pre-planned.
 - No Community Para-medicine protocols exist for anything other than first aid.
 - If any treatment needs to be rendered to a patient other than minor first aid (bandaid, ice pack), the patient should be transported to the nearest Emergency Care Center per Seneca County EMS protocol.
 - Any patient that refuses treatment or transport should sign a standard Seneca County EMS refusal form.
 - Any event requiring an ambulance to standby for EMS coverage should be approved through the EMS Office and a Medical Incident Commander shall be assigned and a pre-event planning session will be scheduled.
5. Small Community Events – church functions, softball games, etc... can be handled by the local squad district.
 - If the event begins to grow beyond your local capabilities, this policy/procedure gives you a tool to use to get the help you need.

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