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MEMORANDUM TO: Paramedic Service Chiefs, First Nations and Ornge

FROM: Chris Georgakopoulos
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RE: **Advanced Life Support Patient Care Standards, version 4.0.1 and Basic Life Support Patient Care Standards, version 3.0.1**

I am pleased to announce the publication and release of the *Advanced Life Support Patient Care Standards* (ALS PCS), version 4.0.1, and the *Basic Life Support Patient Care Standards* (BLS PCS), version 3.0.1.

Since the publication and release of the ALS PCS, version 4.0, on October 19, 2016, an error has been identified in the Conditions table for dimenhydrinate in the Nausea/Vomiting Auxiliary Medical Directive (ACP). The weight condition listed “<25 kg”, as opposed to “≥25 kg”; this has been corrected in Version 4.0.1 of the ALS PCS, and represents the only change in the revised standard.

Since the publication and release of the BLS PCS, version 3.0 on July 20, 2016, an error has been identified in the Contraindications of the Paramedic Prompt Card for Acute Stroke Protocol. The Contraindication listed “CTAS Level 2”, as opposed to “CTAS Level 1”; this has been corrected in Version 3.0.1 of the BLS PCS, and represents the only change in the revised standard.

Version 4.0.1 of the ALS PCS replaces Version 4.0, and therefore comes into force as of July 17, 2017.

Version 3.0.1 of the BLS PCS replaces Version 3.0, and therefore comes into force as of December 11, 2017.

The table below has been updated to reflect the new versions.

Please refer to the respective documents' Document Control Matrix for further versioning history of that document. The Document Control Matrix can be found on the inside cover of each document that been updated since the implementation of the *Living Standard Project*.

<u>Paramedic Practice Document</u>	<u>In Force As Of*</u>
<i>Advanced Life Support Patient Care Standards (ALS PCS)</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Version 3.3 • Version 3.4 • Version 4.0.1 (replaces Version 4.0, which has been amended prior to the in force date) • Version 4.1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently in force • February 1, 2017 • July 17, 2017 • December 11, 2017
<i>Basic Life Support Patient Care Standards (BLS PCS)</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Version 2.0 (including amendments made through various training bullets, e.g. <i>Training Bulletin No. 108 - DNR Standard</i>) • STEMI Hospital Bypass Protocol (amendment made through <i>Training Bulletin No. 118 – STEMI Hospital Bypass Protocol</i>) • Version 3.0.1 (replaces Version 3.0, which has been amended prior to the in force date) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently in force • February 1, 2017 • December 11, 2017
<i>Ontario Ambulance Documentation Standards (supplemented by <i>Ambulance Call Report Completion Manual - v3.0</i>)</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Version 2.1 • Version 3.0 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently in force • April 1, 2017
<i>Prehospital CTAS Paramedic Guide</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Version 1.0 (CTAS Participant Package) • Version 2.0 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently in force • December 31, 2016
<i>Provincial Equipment Standards for Ontario Ambulance Services (Equipment Standards)</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Version 2.3 • Version 3.0 • Version 3.1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently in force • July 17, 2017 • December 11, 2017

*once a new version of a standard comes into force, it replaces the existing in force version.

Since February 2015, the *Living Standard Project* has reviewed the manner in which standards are updated, maintained and disseminated. As a result of the scale of the changes being made, it is recognized that, at times, there will be publication errors. If additional errors are identified, it is appreciated that they are brought forward.

If you have any questions regarding the ALS PCS, please contact Denise D'Souza, Paramedic Standards and Certification Coordinator, at (416) 327-1580 or denise.dsouza@ontario.ca.

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