## **Universal Patient Care – 00.900**

## PROCEDURE:

- A. Assess scene safety and use appropriate personal protective equipment.
- B. Begin initial patient assessment, determine chief complaint and obtain GCS.
- C. Secure airway and start oxygen as needed to keep patients SpO2 > or equal 94%
- D. Monitor vital signs, SpO2 and obtain initial temperature. Every 5 min for unstable patients and every 15 min for stable patients. Minimum 2 sets of vital signs must be recorded for transported patients.
- E. Monitor ECG, acquire 12 lead, ETCO2 and obtain CBG readings as appropriate.
- F. Establish vascular access (IV or IO) as appropriate for patient's condition.
- G. Obtain pain severity scale and medicate appropriately.
- H. Follow appropriate Patient Care Treatment Protocol if patient's chief complaint or assessment findings change.
- I. Pediatric Patients are to be treated according to the Handtevy measurement system and medication guide. Pediatrics with secondary sexual characteristics (pubic, axillary, facial hair, or breast development) may be treated as adults.
- J. All reports will be written in SOAP format to comply with CMS. (Subjective, Objective, Assessment, Plan)

## **KEY CONSIDERATIONS:**

If patient is unable to provide medical history, check for medical bracelets and necklaces which can provide critical medical information and treatment.

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