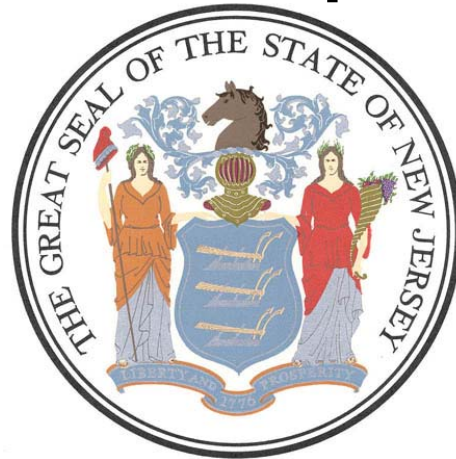


State of New Jersey

Emergency Medical Dispatch Guidecards



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Traumatic Incident Types

ANIMAL BITES
ASSAULT/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/ SEXUAL ASSAULT
BLEEDING / LACERATION
BURNS
EYE PROBLEMS / INJURIES
FALL VICTIM
HEAT / COLD EXPOSURE
INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT
STABBING / GUNSHOT VICTIM / ASSAULT
TRAUMATIC INJURY
VEHICULAR RELATED INJURIES

Medical Chief Complaint Types

ABDOMINAL PAINS
ALLERGIES/STINGS
BACK PAIN
BREATHING PROBLEMS
CHEST PAIN / HEART PROBLEMS
DIABETIC PROBLEMS
HEADACHE
OD/POISONINGS/INGESTIONS
PSYCHIATRIC / BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS
SEIZURES / CONVULSIONS
SICK PERSON
STROKE / CVA
UNKNOWN / MAN DOWN

GUIDECARD INDEX

Time / Life-Critical Events

CO POISONING / INHALATION / HAZMAT
CARDIAC ARREST / DOA

- ADULT CPR INSTRUCTIONS
- CHILD CPR INSTRUCTIONS
- INFANT CPR INSTRUCTIONS

CHOKING

- ADULT CHOKING INSTRUCTIONS
- CHILD CHOKING INSTRUCTIONS
- INFANT CHOKING INSTRUCTIONS

DROWNING (POSSIBLE)

ELECTROCUTION

PREGNANCY / CHILDBIRTH

- CHILDBIRTH INSTRUCTIONS

UNCONSCIOUS / FAINTING

- UNCONSCIOUS AIRWAY CONTROL (NON-TRAUMA) INSTRUCTIONS
- UNCONSCIOUS AIRWAY CONTROL (TRAUMA) INSTRUCTIONS

Miscellaneous

AEROMEDICAL DISPATCH PROCEDURE
AIRCRAFT / TERRORISM
HAZ MAT

SEIZURES / CONVULSIONS Pre-Arrival Instructions

Clear area around the patient.

Do not restrain patient.

Do not place anything in patient's mouth.

After seizure has stopped, check to see if patient is breathing.

If not, Determine appropriate age group.

Go to **CARDIAC/RESPIRATORY ARREST** instructions for appropriate age group

Have patient lie on side.

If patient is a child, remove clothing to cool patient if hot and feverish.

Gather patient medications, if any.

If the patient's condition changes, call me back.

Prompts

Short Report

Any seizure with an unknown medical history is assumed to be a first time seizure.

If unconscious after seizure, go to **UNCONSCIOUS/BREATHING NORMALLY AIRWAY CONTROL**

Age
Sex
Specific location
Chief complaint
Pertinent related symptoms
Medical/Surgical history, if any
Other agencies responding
Any dangers to responding units

SICK PERSON

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KEY QUESTIONS	<p>Is patient alert? Is patient breathing normally?</p> <p>Can I talk to the patient?</p> <p>Yes: What is the problem? Are you short of breath or is it hard to breath? Are you feeling pain anywhere? If so where? (Consider appropriate card. Back, chest, abdomen) Do you feel light headed or dizzy?</p> <p>No: Does the patient answer your questions? What is the patient complaining of? Is the patient complaining of pain? Where? How does the patient feel when he/she sits up? Is the patient acting normally for him or her? If not, what is different? How does the patient look?</p>	<p>Does the patient respond to you and follow simple commands?</p> <p>Have you checked for a medic alert tag? If there is an alert tag, what does it say?</p> <p>Is there insulin in the refrigerator?</p> <p>Was the onset sudden or gradual?</p>
		<div style="background-color: yellow; text-align: center; padding: 2px; font-weight: bold;">FLU SYMPTOMS</div> <p>Is the patient complaining of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fever (<i>usually high</i>) Headache Tiredness (<i>can be extreme</i>) Cough, Sore throat Runny or stuffy nose Body aches Diarrhea and vomiting (<i>more common among children than adults</i>)

SIMULTANEOUS ALS/BLS

BLS DISPATCH

DISPATCH	<p>Decreased level of consciousness. Multiple fainting episodes</p>	<p>Generalized weakness. Medic alert from alarm company. Flu symptoms. (Without critical signs, symptoms or other medical options) High blood pressure without critical symptoms. High temperature. Patient assist.</p>
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SICK PERSON Pre-Arrival Instructions

Gather patient medications, if possible.

If the patient's condition changes, call me back.

If the caller is requesting information about the Flu, have them call the NJDHSS Hotline at:
1-866-321-9571

Prompts

Short Report

If unconscious, go to **UNCONSCIOUS/BREATHING NORMALLY AIRWAY CONTROL**

If unconscious, **NOT** breathing normally, go to **CPR** for appropriate age group.

If a specific chief complaint is identified the EMD should use the guidecard that suits the patient's chief complaint.

Age
 Sex
 Specific location
 Chief complaint
 Pertinent related symptoms
(Flu Symptoms Take Precautions)
 Medical/Surgical history, if any
 Other agencies responding
 Any dangers to responding units

STROKE / CVA

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KEY QUESTIONS

Is patient alert?
 Is patient breathing normally? (Consider breathing card)
 Describe what the patient looks like.
 What is the patient doing?
 Can the patient respond to you and follow simple commands?
 Can the patient answer your questions?
 How is the patient acting?
 If acting unusually, what is different?
 Is the patient able to speak in full sentences?

Is the patient complaining of any pain? Where is the pain located?
 (Consider appropriate card. Back, chest, abdomen)
 Has the patient had a headache?
 (Consider headache card)
 Has the patient had any recent injury/trauma?
 Does the patient have any other medical or surgical history?
 What?
 Has the patient had a stroke before?
 Does the patients speech sound normal?

SIMULTANEOUS ALS/BLS

BLS DISPATCH

DISPATCH

Unconscious/not breathing normally.
 Marked change in level of consciousness.
 New onset of one sided weakness with paralysis, facial droop, slurred speech.

Past history of stroke (CVA) with no new changes