

BLS CPAP

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PURPOSE

The Massachusetts Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) approved a protocol, allowing a Medical Director option for BLS CPAP, in services with a BLS albuterol program. Boston EMS is such a system and has instituted a BLS CPAP program. After initial training, which includes a practical session, BLS providers can utilize the department issued CPAP device.

If a provider has not been trained, they are not authorized to utilize CPAP.

MATERIAL/EQUIPMENT

The department will issue a CPAP device to each BLS truck. Including circuits and quick connect for oxygen. The plastic corrugated tubing, face mask, HEPA filter and head strap are all one-time use and should be disposed of after use. Resupply of disposable items will be via Materials Management.

CLINICAL PROTOCOL

OEMS Statewide treatment protocol BLS CPAP 6.9, is the applicable protocol. Any updates to the clinical protocol will be represented in the statewide treatment protocol, not this document.

DOCUMENTATION

Any application of CPAP, even if attempt is aborted, must be documented in the patient's ePCR for that encounter.

DISPOSITION

If ALS makes patient contact with a CPAP patient, that patient cannot subsequently be referred back to BLS.