

# **State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations**



**Division of Emergency Medical Services**

## ***Prehospital Care Protocols and Standing Orders***

**EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2008**

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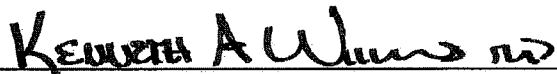
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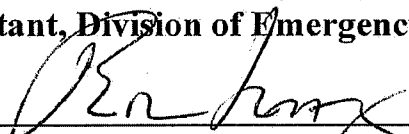
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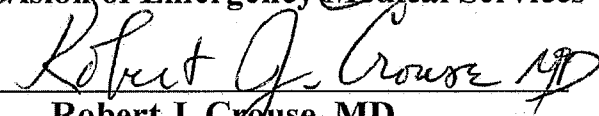
These protocols and standing orders are established by the Division of Emergency Medical Services of the Rhode Island Department of Health, and the Rhode Island Ambulance Service Advisory Board, pursuant to the authority conferred under sections, 23-4. 1-4 and 23-17.6-4 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

These protocols and standing orders shall supersede all protocols and standing orders previously established and promulgated by the Division of Emergency Medical Services of the Rhode Island Department of Health or the Rhode Island Ambulance Service Coordinating Board.

**Contains all protocols effective March 1, 2008**

  
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**▼ ALS PERSONNEL (CONT'D.)**

- 9.3.1 Adult patients: Administer **DOPAMINE HCL** (400 mg in 250 mL NS) by IV Infusion Pump at 5-20 mcg/kg/min. Titrate the rate to achieve a systolic blood pressure >90 mm Hg.



- 9.3.2 Pediatric patients <5 feet tall (<35 kg/75 lbs.): Administer **DOPAMINE HCL** as indicated on a pediatric dosing device at 2-20 mcg/kg/min by IV Infusion Pump, and then titrate the rate to achieve a systolic blood pressure above the age-related value (refer to table).

- 10 If patient is wearing a Medic Alert® or equivalent identification stating “adrenal insufficiency”, administer **HYDROCORTISONE SODIUM SUCCINATE** (Solu-Cortef®) as indicated below:

- 10.1 Adult patients: Administer **HYDROCORTISONE SODIUM SUCCINATE** (Solu-Cortef®) 100mg IV.



- 10.2 Pediatric patients < 5 feet tall (<35 kg/75 lbs): Administer **HYDROCORTISONE SODIUM SUCCINATE** (Solu-Cortef®), 1-2 mg/kg IV.

**▼ ALL EMTs**

- 11 Contact Medical Control.
- 12 Transport the patient without delay to a HOSPITAL EMERGENCY FACILITY.
- 13 Document all incident information by completing the *RI EMS Ambulance Run Report*.