

# CS11 SPECIAL PATIENT PROTOCOL

## Background:


- From time to time, we encounter a patient who has an unusual medical condition or requires specialized treatment modalities outside of our normal operating protocols
- We cannot write protocols for each of these unusual situations into the Medical Operations Manual (MOM)
- It is important to be able to rapidly identify these types of patients and implement the appropriate specialized care


## Policy:

- A patient with an unusual medical condition(s), that requires specialized treatment, will be issued a Pinellas County EMS “Special Patient Protocol Identification Card”. The card contains the patient demographics, background information, standing orders and any applicable drug information
- The patient will be instructed to carry the card with them at all times and present to EMS clinicians upon initial contact. Any specialized medications needed, shall be kept by the patient with the card
- Pinellas County EMS Clinicians are authorized to follow the standing orders as printed on the card, upon being presented with such a card, after verifying the patient’s identity
- OLMC Physicians retain ultimate discretion in the management of all patients and may be contacted for any clinical guidance or questions or as specified on the card
- This card will have an expiration date and a copy of the card with supporting information will be kept on file. ALS First Responders in areas frequented by such patients (e.g. home, work, school) will be advised when a card is issued and provided with a copy of the card. Additionally, CAD Caution Notes will be added to the home address for these patients

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SPECIAL PATIENT PROTOCOL IDENTIFICATION CARD	
<b>PATIENT INFORMATION</b> Name: _____ DOB: <del>xxxx</del> xx, <del>xxxx</del> Address: _____ <u>MEDICAL HX:</u> _____ <u>MEDS:</u> _____ Allergies: _____ School: _____ Emergency Contacts: _____ Medical Team: _____	<b>PROTOCOL</b>  1. If suspected adrenal crisis (vomiting, diarrhea, dehydration, hypoglycemia, shock) <b>IMMEDIATELY</b> administer 100mg (2mL) of Solu-Cortef IM. 2. Implement ALS care. 3. Contact OLMC and prepare for transport.  Over for Notes/Drug Information →

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<b>NOTES:</b>  1. This patient suffers from a potentially life-threatening disorder, Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia. This is a form of adrenal insufficiency. 2. Symptoms of an acute episode are vomiting, diarrhea, hypoglycemia and shock. 3. This patient requires emergent administration of specialty drug not in our normal armamentary to reverse her symptoms. The patient carries this drug on her person. 4. This patient <b>MUST</b> be transported following our administration of her self-carried medication.	<b>DRUG INFORMATION:</b>  1. <b>DOSE:</b> 100mg Solu-Cortef. 2. <b>PACKAGING:</b> 100mg in 2ml Act-O-Vial (similar appearance to Solu-Medrol). 3. <b>WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS:</b> Administer only in monitored setting equipped to manage reactions. 4. <b>COMMON REACTIONS:</b> Elevated BP, diaphoresis, edema.	