

Standing Orders

- I. The purpose of standing orders is to provide EMS providers the opportunity to implement patient care prior to and/or without establishing radio contact with a base hospital.
- II. There are key components to the written report that must be included when Standing Orders are utilized. Thorough documentation of an appropriate assessment is essential. Reference to inclusion and exclusion criteria is recommended with attention paid to pertinent negatives. It should be clear why the particular Standing Order was utilized. Implementation and response to interventions is also a critical part of the prehospital report. Independent off-line practice often requires additional responsibility on the part of the EMS provider when it comes to judgment and documentation.
- III. When a standing order has been initiated, the EMS provider must relay the appropriate information to the receiving hospital by radio, through a dispatch center or via established electronic means. Relayed information should include the following:
 - i. EMS provider's name
 - ii. EMS provider's unit
 - iii. ETA to the receiving facility
 - iv. Is patient stable or unstable
 - v. Patient age
 - vi. Patient gender
 - vii. Chief complaint
 - viii. Standing Order or Alert utilized