

KENT COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

DEVIATION FROM SYSTEM PROTOCOL POLICY

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The protocols, policies and procedures established for the Kent County EMS system outline the care to be provided by personnel operating within the system.

- A. It is acknowledged that there are situations in which deviation from the protocols, policies and procedures may be needed in the interest of patient care.
 - 1. In those situations, EMS personnel should request permission for deviation from on-line medical direction whenever possible.
 - 2. Unavailability of on-line medical direction and the immediacy of patient care needs may, in very rare instances, prohibit such requests, but those situations should occur rarely.
- B. All instances of protocol deviation must be documented in the EMS Record, noting the deviation which occurred and the reason for that deviation.
- C. All deviations will be reviewed within KCEMS QI program.

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