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| Non-Emergency Patient Transport (NEPT) Clinical Practice Protocols (CPP) 2024 edition |
| Change log for sector |
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# Clinical Practice Protocol (CPP) change log

The CPP change log assists the NEPT sector to transition from the 2023 edition to the 2024 edition of the CPPs. Variation to established practice is highlighted within the change log and was made with consideration following consultation.

NEPT licence holders are required to transition to the 2024 CPPs by 31 January 2025. Training in changes should be considered as part of the annual skills maintenance training cycle.

## 2024 edition – review overview

The 2024 edition of the NEPT CPPs has been developed within the scope and terms of reference of the Clinical Practice Protocol Assessment Committee (CPPAC) from the Department of Health. Consultation has been sought from a wide range of sources including NEPT providers, workforce, the Office of the Clinical Chiefs (Safer Care Victoria), Ambulance Victoria and industrial relations bodies. Subject matter expertise (SME) advice has been sought where required for specific protocols. Effort has been made to ensure that treatment recommendations contained within the CPPs are best practice for NEPT service delivery at time of publication.

This review sought to:

* review 2023 CPPs and address spelling, grammar and formatting inconsistencies
* ensure best-practice treatment pathways are recommended
* where appropriate, update the scope of practice for NEPT workforce to align with current training
* update to reflect legislative changes

This review did not seek to:

* substantially alter the characteristics of NEPT service delivery
* substantially alter 2023 CPPs beyond revision and update of existing CPPs
* provide new workforce options for the NEPT sector
* substantially alter scope of service for NEPT workforce.

Table 1: 2024 Clinical Practice Protocol change log

| Item | Protocol | Change item |
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| 1 | Contents | Corrected spelling error |
| 2 | Administering medicines not included in scope of practice | Addition of section including explanatory paragraph regarding dispensing of medicines prior to transport. |
| 3 | Scope of Practice | Bladder washout included ATA in skills matrix as TE |
| 4 | Not suitable for NEPT and escalation of care | Included statement requiring NEPT services to establish suitability for transport prior to crew arrival where practicable |
| 5 | Not suitable for NEPT and escalation of care | Corrected grammatical error |
| 6 | Assessment tools | Included AVPU with GCS for conscious state assessment as per clinical approach |
| 7 | Time critical guidelines | Corrected spelling error |
| 8 | Mental status assessment | Revised Mental Status Assessment as visual diagram with no change to content |
| 9 | Clinical approach to interfacility transport | Included AVPU in minimum observations as alternative to GCS |
| 10 | Cardiac Arrest | Included statement regarding escalation of care |
| 11 | Cardiac Arrest | Addition of escalation of care in cardiac arrest workflow |
| 12 | Wide Complex Tachycardia | Corrected spelling error |
| 13 | Bradycardia | Update to bradycardia workflow to include timing for increase 0.005mg of Adrenaline infusion if unresponsive to initial dose. |
| 14 | Undifferentiated shock | Corrected spelling error |
| 15 | Undifferentiated shock | Metaraminol added in common vasopressors |
| 16 | Cardiogenic shock | Corrected spelling error |
| 17 | Hyperglycaemia | Addition of high flow O2 NRB therapy in the DKA/HHS patient due to hypercarbia in workflow |
| 18 | Foreign Body Airway Obstruction | Included cyanosis included in signs and symptoms |
| 19 | Foreign Body Airway Obstruction | Included patient position for paediatric patients to assist with airway clearance |
| 20 | Pain relief | Included statement paracetamol not suitable for suspected ACS pain |
| 21 | Advanced care directives | Corrected grammatical error |
| 22 | Prolonged transport | Included statement regarding Bariatric transfers |
| 23 | Prolonged transport | Included pressure injury assessment tool ‘Braden Scale’ |
| 24 | Amiodarone | Corrected amiodarone dose on pharmacology sheet for acute WCT |
| 25 | Atropine | Corrected spelling error |
| 26 | Glucagon | Included repeat dose time for glucagon in anaphylaxis |
| 27 | Nitrous Oxide (Entonox) | Corrected spelling error |
| 28 | Methoxyflurane | Corrected formatting error |
| 29 | Paracetamol | Included statement paracetamol not suitable for suspected ACS pain |

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