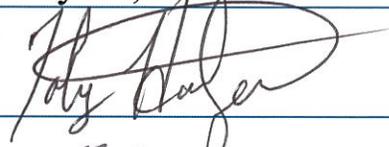
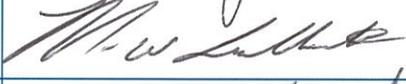


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PURPOSE: To assure the timely and professional medical treatment of all patients entrusted to our care.

I. POLICY:

- A. All patient treatments will be in accordance with the patient care guidelines issued by the Western Virginia Emergency Medical Services Council and/or Franklin County Department of Public Safety protocols approved by the Franklin County Operational Medical Director.
- B. Any variation from these guidelines shall only be made after receiving direct orders from on-line medical control. In such cases, the situation as well as the physician ordering the deviation shall be documented on the patient care report.
- C. Providers will not attempt any procedure that they have not been properly trained in and authorized to perform.
- D. The Attendant in Charge (AIC) shall have authority over all patient care and response issues.
- E. The Franklin County Operational Medical Director (OMD) will set patient care policy.
- F. Providers shall take the necessary precautions to prevent contacting blood borne or air borne pathogens.
- G. Bio-hazard waste shall be disposed of in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control guidelines in accordance with Department policy.