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The Medical Direction and Practices Board (MDPB) has initiated the process of reviewing the Maine EMS pre-hospital protocols for the anticipated 2023 roll-out cycle. The MDPB seeks input for revisions from key stakeholders including EMS Clinicians, EMS Service Leadership, EMS Medical Directors, physicians, advanced practice providers, nurses and anyone who is, or may be, impacted by protocol changes.

Maine EMS has established several avenues that allow stakeholders to participate in the protocol review process. Stakeholders may:

- 1) Reach out to the Maine EMS Protocol section authors directly.** The table below identifies the authors of each protocol section, as well as the anticipated date (which is subject to change) the sections will be discussed at the monthly MDPB meetings. All authors are MDPB members whose email addresses are listed on the [Maine EMS website](#). Ideas, comments, and suggestions should be submitted using the template provided from the Maine EMS website.

Protocol Section	Section Authors	Order of Review*
Gold – Medical	Drs. Tim Pieh, Kelly Meehan-Coussee, and Dave Saquet	1
Orange – Behavioral Health	Drs. Dave Saquet, Benjy Lowry, and Mike Bohanske	2
Yellow – Environmental and Tox	Drs. Kelly Meehan-Coussee, Tim Pieh, and Kate Zimmerman	3
Green – Trauma	Drs. Mike Bohanske, Seth Ritter, and Kelly Meehan-Coussee	4
Blue – Respiratory	Drs. Mike Bohanske and Tim Pieh	5
Red – Cardiac	Drs. Dave Saquet and Seth Ritter	6
Pink – Pediatric	Drs. Dave Saquet and Rachael Williams	7
Brown/Purple/Grey – Forward/Definitions/Operations	Drs. Pete Tilney and Beth Collamore	8
PIFT	Drs. Pete Tilney and Matthew Sholl	Ongoing
Annex – K9/CWMD/Emergency Preparedness/Disaster Management	Drs. Kate Zimmerman and Matthew Sholl	Ongoing

*\*Please refer to the Maine EMS website for announcements of dates/time periods for each section. Time periods for review are dynamic in length and are dependent upon the material presented for review.*

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- 2) **Reach out to your Regional Medical Director.** Each of the six Maine EMS regions has a Medical Director (name and email address available on the [Maine EMS website](#)) who is available to forward your ideas to the appropriate protocol section author. Ideas, comments, and suggestions should be submitted using the template provided from the Maine EMS website.
- 3) **Reach out to the 2023 Protocol Project Manager.** Dr. Collamore, Region 5 Medical Director, will be serving as the project coordinator for the 2023 protocol review process. Please feel free to reach out to her to participate in any portion of this process, as well (email address available on the [Maine EMS website](#)). Ideas, comments, and suggestions should be submitted using the template provided from the Maine EMS website.
- 4) **Reach out to either the ALS or BLS Representative to the MDPB.** Their contact information can be found towards the bottom of the table on the [Maine EMS website](#). Ideas, comments, and suggestions should be submitted using the template provided from the Maine EMS website.
- 5) **Attend a protocol development webinar.** Maine EMS will be hosting webinars every other month beginning in late February that will allow our stakeholders to interact with MDPB members regarding the protocol review process. The dates of these webinars will be posted on the [Maine EMS website](#).
- 6) **Contact Maine EMS.** Stakeholders may also download and fill out the form, and mail to:

Maine EMS  
Attention EMS Education Coordinator  
152 State House Station  
45 Commerce Dr., Ste. 1  
Augusta, ME 04333

Attached, is an *example* copy of the Maine EMS Protocol Development Stakeholder Input form for review only and is *not fillable*. The **fillable version of this form** is available for download using the following link:

<https://www.maine.gov/ems/sites/maine.gov/ems/files/inline-files/20220211-Protocol-Update-Stakeholder-Input-Template.pdf>

The fillable version of this form will also be posted on the Maine EMS website, in a forthcoming section for the 2023 Protocol Update process, which is being developed at this time.

Thank you for all you do to care for our patients. We look forward to collaborating with you.

Attachment:

Protocol Update Stakeholder Input Form



Protocol Development Stakeholder Input Form

Please use this form to submit a protocol suggestion. **Please read the entire form first.** If there is more than one suggestion and they are unrelated, please use a new form for each suggestion. Completed forms can be emailed to your regional medical director, any MDPB member, or Maine EMS (all addresses available on the Maine EMS website under "[Medical Direction & Practices Board](#)") or mailed to:

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Due dates for consideration of suggestions vary – please visit the Maine EMS website, [Medical Direction & Practices Board page](#) for a list specific section review dates.

Contact Information

<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Your background/point of perspective</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> EMS	<input type="checkbox"/> Service Medical Director
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Healthcare Provider	<input type="checkbox"/> Public
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	
<b>Any organization you may be representing for this suggestion?</b>	
<b>Preferred Method of Contact</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Email	<input type="checkbox"/> Phone
<input type="checkbox"/> US Mail	
<b>Contact information for preferred method of contact (Email, phone, and/or mailing address)</b>	
I. Please briefly write and/or describe your suggestion in the area below:	

II. Is this:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	An addition to an existing Maine EMS protocol? <i>Please reference page #:</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	A change to an existing Maine EMS Protocol? <i>Please reference page #:</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	A new Maine EMS protocol? <i>(please explain)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Something else? <i>(please explain)</i>
III. What is your motivation (reason) for suggesting this change?	
IV. What is the incidence of the underlying condition in the state of Maine or in your clinical practice?	

V. What is the evidence to support this suggested change? What are your sources of information? *(e.g., Research, other state protocols, background data supporting the change, other references – please include all references for MDPB Section author review)*

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VI. What is the expected impact of implementing this change? *(e.g., costs and time required for didactic/practical education on topic, operational changes, scope of practice change, purchase of equipment, healthcare communications requirements, quality improvement requirements, medical direction requirements)*

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VII. What is the expected outcome of this change? *(e.g., specific impacts related to improved patient care/patient outcomes, efficiency, improved costs)*

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2. Type your new file name, and email the file as noted in the instructions at the top of this form.