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MEMORANDUM TO: Paramedic Service Chiefs, First Nations and Ornge

**FROM: Rumana Chowdhury
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RE: Basic Life Support Patient Care Standards version 3.4

I am pleased to announce the publication and release of the *Basic Life Support Patient Care Standards* (BLS PCS), version 3.4.

Pursuant to clause 11(a) of O. Reg. 257/00 under the *Ambulance Act*, each ambulance service operator and every paramedic shall ensure that patient care is provided in accordance with the BLS PCS as published by the Ministry, as that document may be amended from time to time.

Version 3.4 of the BLS PCS represents a “partial update” as per the *Living Document Framework* and will come into force as of **March 10, 2023**.

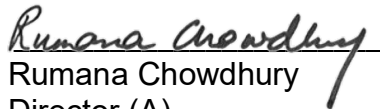
The BLS PCS v3.4 update includes:

- Updates to the Preamble to accommodate new Patient Care Models
- Revisions to the Patient Assessment Standard to ensure clarity and reflect best practices
- Updates to the Acute Stroke Bypass Protocol in the Cerebrovascular Accident (CVA, “Stroke”) Standard and the Paramedic Prompt Card for Acute Stroke Bypass Protocol to include a secondary screen for the Los Angeles Motor Scale (LAMS) tool to screen for Large Vessel Occlusion (LVO)
- The addition of Electronic Control Device (ECD) removal to the Violent/Aggressive Patient Standard

The updated Standards, along with a complete Summary of Changes of the BLS PCS, are enclosed. Please refer to the Document Control Matrix of the [BLS PCS](#) for further versioning history.

Please ensure that your personnel are informed of and become familiar with the changes and new requirements.

If you have any questions regarding the BLS PCS 3.4, please contact ParamedicStandards@ontario.ca.



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Attachments: Basic Life Support Patient Care Standards v3.4
BLS PCS v3.4 Summary of Changes

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