

Core Training Requirements - CPAP

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The following Core Training Requirements are outlined as guidance to agencies or instructors who intend to provide training in the new protocol. The actual training module used by the agency or instructor must be approved by the College.

Objectives

Approved Training for use of new CPAP protocols by SCoP members at PCP and EMT-A levels must address the following objectives:

- Understand the purpose & physiology of CPAP use
- Understand the indications and contraindications for CPAP use according to Saskatchewan Emergency Treatment Protocols.
- Understand the role of CPAP use by pre-hospital providers, including the research/literature supporting CPAP use
- Demonstrate methods for assembling and using pre-hospital CPAP consistent with Saskatchewan protocols.

Assessment

Approved Training will include individual assessment of the following factors:

1. List three focused history questions a provider might use to effectively identify acute pulmonary edema
2. List at least three positive physiologic effects of CPAP
3. List at least two specific, therapeutic benefits of CPAP for the acute pulmonary edema patient
4. List at least four precautions for the use of CPAP
5. List at least four components of the exclusion criteria for the use of CPAP
6. List the components of the SK Health acute pulmonary edema protocol
7. Given a CPAP device, demonstrate the correct assembly prior to patient administration
8. Given a CPAP device, demonstrate proper placement on a simulated patient (to include proper mask seal)

Instructor Qualifications

Approved training will be provided by an EMT-P or ACP who has been trained in and is familiar with use of CPAP.

Record Keeping

A copy of the course outline and/or presentation and assessment test and/or checklist for each participant should be kept on the instructor or agency file for five years and could be subject to audit by the College.

The instructor should “sign off” the skill on the practitioner’s CME Report Form. This can be inserted in the section entitled: “Approved Courses (not part of Agency CME Program)”. The instructor’s signature indicates proficiency. Please insert the date of the assessment on the form below or beside the signature.

This new protocol training can be awarded 5 CME credits if the training is approved by the College. It can be added to the Agency CME Program however it still needs to be recorded separately on the form.

Recertification

Training must be refreshed at least every two years and a record of the assessment provided to the college.