

## INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the following protocols is to provide prehospital care protocols for advanced life support (ALS) providers practicing in Kittitas County. They have been designed around the American Heart Association's current recommendations on Advanced and Basic Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support standards, and other published texts on prehospital emergency medical care.

The protocols have been divided into the following five sections: *General & Medical, Trauma, Pediatric, ALS Medications, and Washington State Department of Health Protocols.*

Major trauma patients should be identified and transported in accordance with the State of Washington Prehospital Trauma Triage Procedures, South Central Region Patient Care Procedures, and County Operating Procedures. These documents can be found in the *Kittitas County EMS Manual*, on-line, or contact the *Kittitas County EMS Division*.

It is noted that each EMS incident *must* have a written record of the event on appropriate Washington State reporting forms, or forms approved by the *Kittitas County Medical Program Director*. This becomes the official medical record of patient contact. This report must be completed and filed for both transported and non-transported patients.

Appropriate communication contact will be made with the receiving hospital, apprising the facility of clinical findings and the situation of the patient contact. If there are questions regarding the appropriate avenue of care to be rendered to a patient, the EMS provider should not hesitate to contact the receiving hospital physician for consultation or on-line medical direction.

It is difficult to identify all types of medical and trauma conditions potentially seen in the prehospital setting, therefore, those that are most typical are addressed. It is expected that the paramedic will treat other conditions in accordance with accepted standards of care.