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**MEMORANDUM TO: Paramedic Service Chiefs, First Nations and Ornge**

**FROM: Carrie Hassberger for Adam Langley  
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**RE: Advanced Life Support Patient Care Standard (ALS PCS)  
Version 5.4**

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I am pleased to announce the publication and release of the *Advanced Life Support Patient Care Standards* (ALS PCS), version 5.4.

Pursuant to clause 11(b) 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 *Advanced Life Support Patient Care Standards* as published by the Ministry, as that document may be amended from time to time.

Version 5.4 of the ALS PCS represents additions and revisions to the Core and Auxiliary directives as per the *Living Document Framework*. Version 5.4 of the ALS PCS will come into force June 2, 2025.

Version 5.4 of the ALS PCS has been updated to include:

Revisions of Core Directives

- ACP Analgesia
- ACP Hypoglycemia
- ACP Nausea/Vomiting
- ACP Medical Cardiac Arrest (Double Sequential External Defibrillation if authorized)
- PCP Medical Cardiac Arrest (Double Sequential External Defibrillation if authorized)

New Core Directives

- PCP Advanced Airway and Tracheostomy Suctioning
- ACP Advanced Airway and Tracheostomy Suctioning

New Auxiliary Directives

- ACP Lateral Patellar Dislocation Reduction
- PCP Lateral Patellar Dislocation Reduction
- ACP Traumatic Hemorrhage
- PCP Traumatic Hemorrhage
- PCP Seizure

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

Please refer to the Document Control Matrix in the document for further versioning history.

If you have any questions regarding the ALS PCS, please contact [ParamedicStandards@ontario.ca](mailto:ParamedicStandards@ontario.ca).

Regards,



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