As part of the La Plata County EMS Council's continuing commitment to quality care, the Protocol Committee oversees the La Plata County EMS protocols and meets on a quarterly basis to review and revise the protocols. These revisions have been carefully researched and reviewed to insure that they comply with local, state, and national guidelines, as well as with the wishes of the Physician Advisors of La Plata County. However, EMS is a fluid environment that is subject to rapid change. It is your responsibility to be familiar with your scope of practice and to be proficient in those skills, medications, and procedures you are allowed to use. If you are at all unsure, consult your EMS Supervisor or Physician Advisor.

These protocols are designed to be used as a guide, not as set of absolute directives. Our primary goal is effective, compassionate, efficient patient care. You may occasionally find a particular situational where one of the protocols comes into conflict with that goal. Use your best judgment, and communicate with your physician advisor and Protocol Committee representative. With feedback from these situations, we can continue to improve the usability of these protocols.

Finally, the Council would like to thank you for your continued service to your community. EMS forms a critical link in the chain of patient care. Without the efforts of people like yourselves, patient outcomes would suffer considerably and lives would be lost.