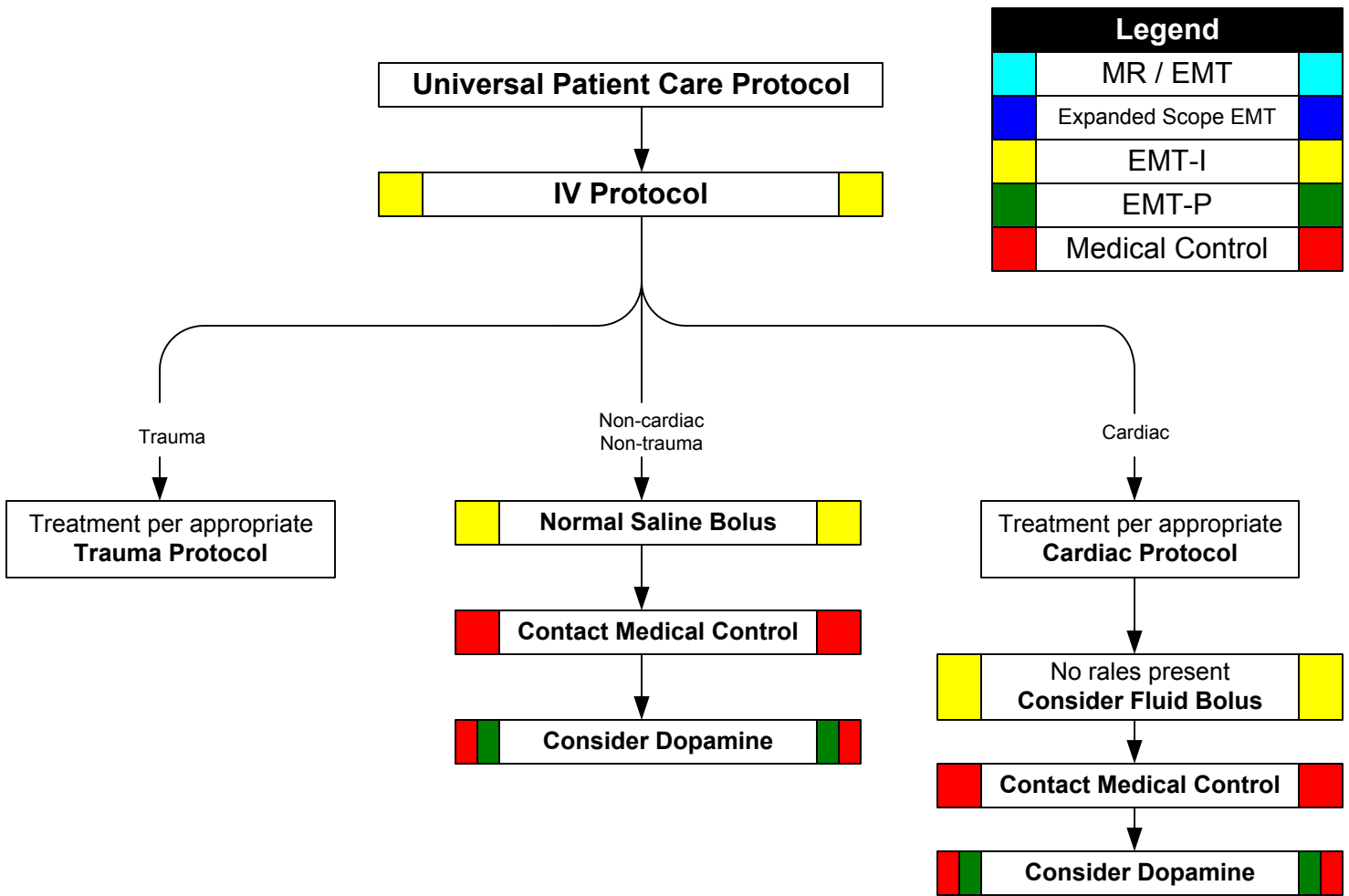


FORSYTH COUNTY EMS MEDICAL PROTOCOLS

Hypotension / Shock (Non-Trauma)

History: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Blood loss - vaginal or GI bleeding, AAA, ectopic pregnancy * Fluid loss - vomiting, diarrhea, fever * Infection * Cardiac ischemia (MI, CHF) * Medications * Allergic reaction * Pregnancy - LMP * Diabetes 	Signs and Symptoms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Restlessness, confusion * Weakness, dizziness * Weak, rapid pulse * Pale, cool, clammy skin * Delayed capillary refill * Hypotension * Coffee-ground / Bloody emesis * Tarry stools 	Differential: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Shock <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hypovolemic Cardiogenic Septic Neurogenic Anaphylactic * Ectopic pregnancy * Dysrhythmias * Pulmonary embolus * Tension pneumothorax * Medication effect / overdose * Vasovagal * Physiologic (pregnancy)
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Legend		
	MR / EMT	
	Expanded Scope EMT	
	EMT-I	
	EMT-P	
	Medical Control	

Pearls:

- * **Exam: Mental Status, Skin, Heart, Lungs, Abdomen, Back, Extremities, Neuro**
- * Hypotension can be defined as a systolic blood pressure of less than 90.
- * Consider performing orthostatic vital signs on patients in non-trauma situations if suspected blood or fluid loss.
- * Consider all possible causes of shock and treat per appropriate protocol.