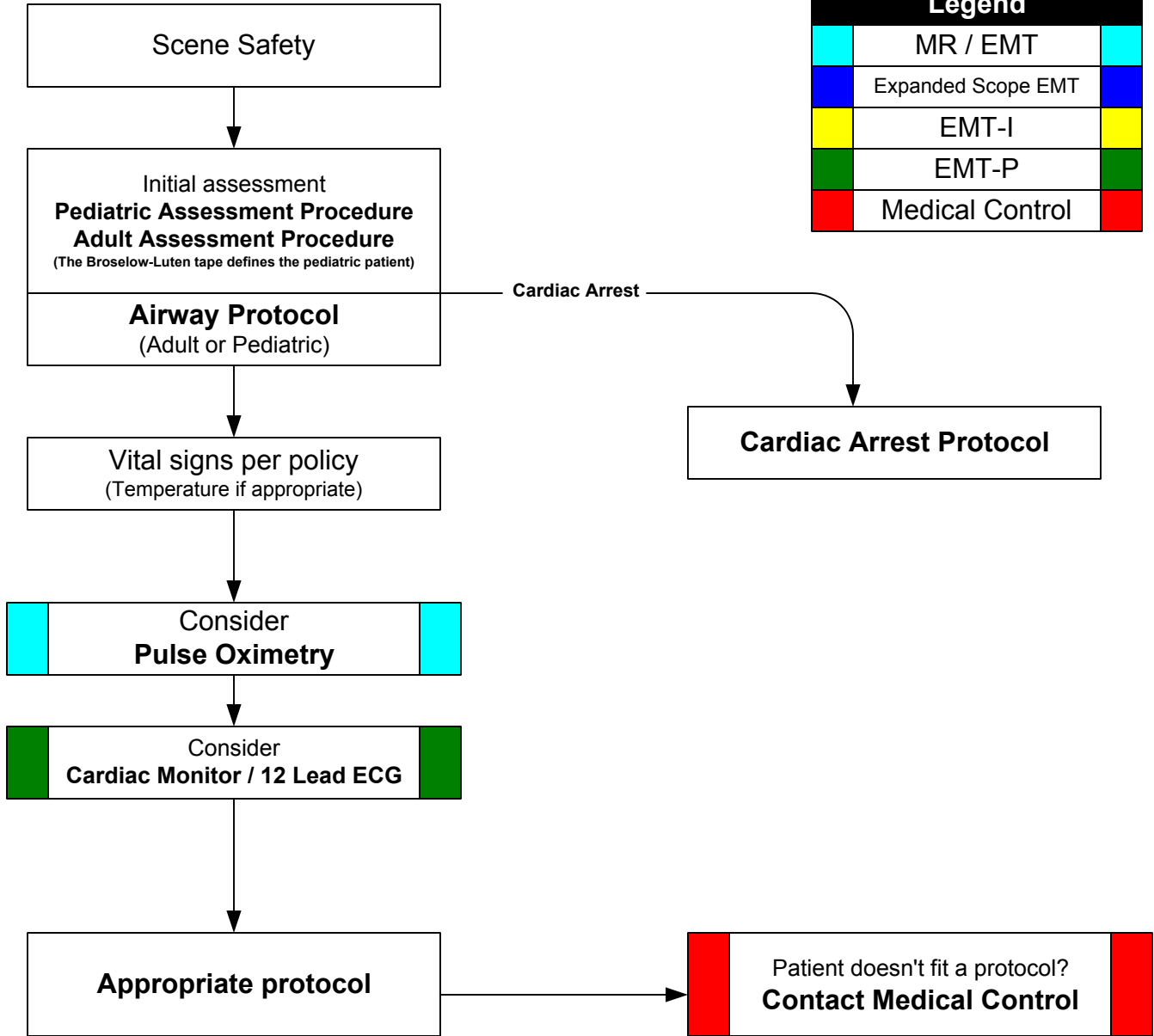


# FORSYTH COUNTY EMS GENERAL PROTOCOLS

## Universal Patient Care Protocol

Legend		
	MR / EMT	
	Expanded Scope EMT	
	EMT-I	
	EMT-P	
	Medical Control	



### Pearls:

- \* Any patient contact which does not result in an EMS transport must have a completed disposition form.
- \* Exam: Minimal exam if not noted on the specific protocol is vital signs, mental status, and location of injury or complaint.
- \* Require vital signs on every patient include blood pressure, pulse, respirations, pain / severity.
- \* Pulse oximetry and temperature documentation is dependent on the specific complaint.
- \* A pediatric patient is defined by the Broselow-Luten tape. If the patient doesn't fit on the tape they are considered adult.
- \* Timing of transport should be based on patient's clinical condition and the transport policy.
- \* Orthostatic vital sign procedure should be performed in situations where volume status is in question.

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