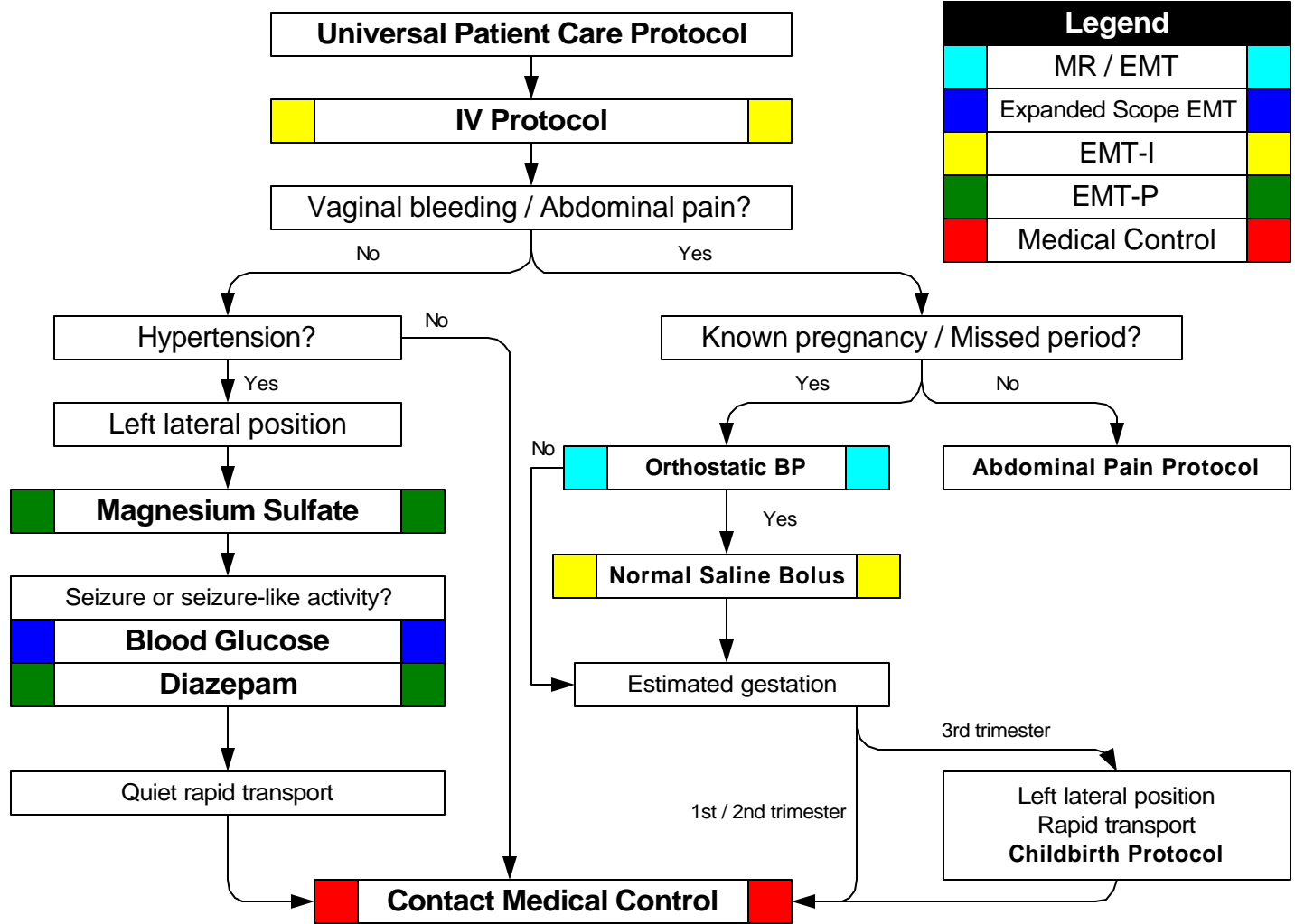


# FORSYTH COUNTY EMS Pediatric and OB Protocols

## Obstetrical Emergency

<b>History:</b> * Past medical history * Hypertension meds * Prenatal care * Prior pregnancies / births * Gravida / Para	<b>Signs and Symptoms:</b> * Vaginal bleeding * Abdominal pain * Seizures * Hypertension * Severe headache * Visual changes * Edema of hands and face	<b>Differential:</b> * Pre-eclampsia / Eclampsia * Placenta previa * Abruption placenta * Spontaneous abortion
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Legend		
	MR / EMT	
	Expanded Scope EMT	
	EMT-I	
	EMT-P	
	Medical Control	

**Pearls:**

- \* **Exam: Mental Status, Abdomen, Heart, Lungs, Neuro**
- \* Severe headache, vision changes, or RUQ pain may indicate preeclampsia.
- \* In the setting of pregnancy, hypertension is defined as a BP greater than 140 systolic or greater than 90 diastolic, or a relative increase of 30 systolic and 20 diastolic from the patient's normal (pre-pregnancy) blood pressure.
- \* Maintain patient in a left lateral position to minimize risk of supine hypotensive syndrome.
- \* Ask patient to quantify bleeding- number of pads used per hour.
- \* Any pregnant patient involved in a MVC should be seen immediately by a physician for evaluation and fetal monitoring.

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