

Procedural: Conducted Energy Devices – Patients

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- Not in scope of practice

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- Garfield County EMS Provider will apply usual Standard of Care, Medical Protocols, and Operational Policies set forth by Garfield County EMS to patients who have been subjected to the use of a conducted energy device (also known variably as “conducted energy weapon”, “electric control device”, electric restraint”, “tazer”, “taser”, or “stun gun”).
- **Indications**
 - Available scientific evidence suggests that not all patients subjected to a conducted energy device will require an EMS evaluation.
 - If requested/called by law enforcement, EMS providers will conduct a patient evaluation applying usual standards of care, protocols, skills, and policies.
- **Procedure**
 - Patient will be transported if any of the following situations apply:
 - Any patient 12 years or younger
 - Pregnant patients greater than or equal to 20 weeks gestation
 - Any abnormal vital signs
 - Use of more than 3 device shocks on a patient
 - Barbs that have hit the following areas:
 - Eyes/orbits
 - Neck
 - Genitalia
 - Significant trauma or mechanism of injury related to events before, during, or after device application (e.g. falls, MVA)
 - Burns, if greater than mild reddening of the skin between barbs
 - Barbs that cannot be removed using usual methods
 - Persistent agitated behavior that is not responsive to verbal de-escalation
 - History of coronary disease, CHF, cardiac arrhythmias, or AICD/pacer
 - Patients will also be transported if, in the judgment of EMS, further evaluation is needed.

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