



EMS Information Bulletin 2021-17

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SUBJECT: 2021 PA DOH Statewide TBI Protocol Update

TO: Regional EMS Councils
PA EMS Agencies & Providers
PA EMS Agency Medical Directors

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The Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, is pleased to announce the release of the 2021 PA Department of Health Traumatic Brain Injury Protocol Update Course on TRAIN-PA.

This course can be located by [this link](#) or by searching PA-EMS 2021 Traumatic Brain Injury Protocol Update.

The PowerPoint and Lesson Plans for this TBI course have been completed. They have been released to regional councils for distribution to agency medical directors to conduct in person trainings.

Due to the delay in availability of the TBI course, EMS agencies may begin utilizing the new 2021 statewide protocols as soon as staff has completed the required BLS and ALS protocol update courses. The completion of the BLS and ALS protocol update course and subsequent use of the new statewide protocols must be completed by November 1, 2021 as outlined in [EMSIB 2021-14 2021 PA DOH Statewide Protocol Update](#). **Additionally, due to the delay, EMS providers are not required to complete the TBI Protocol Update Course until December 1, 2021.**

Delivery of the TBI protocol update course is at the discretion of the EMS Agency Medical Director through one of the following methods:

1. In person presentation of the educational sessions;
2. A designee from the EMS Agency to conduct the educational sessions;
3. Accept the LMS program version as course completion for those unable to attend an in-person training.