

# Immunization / Medication Distribution

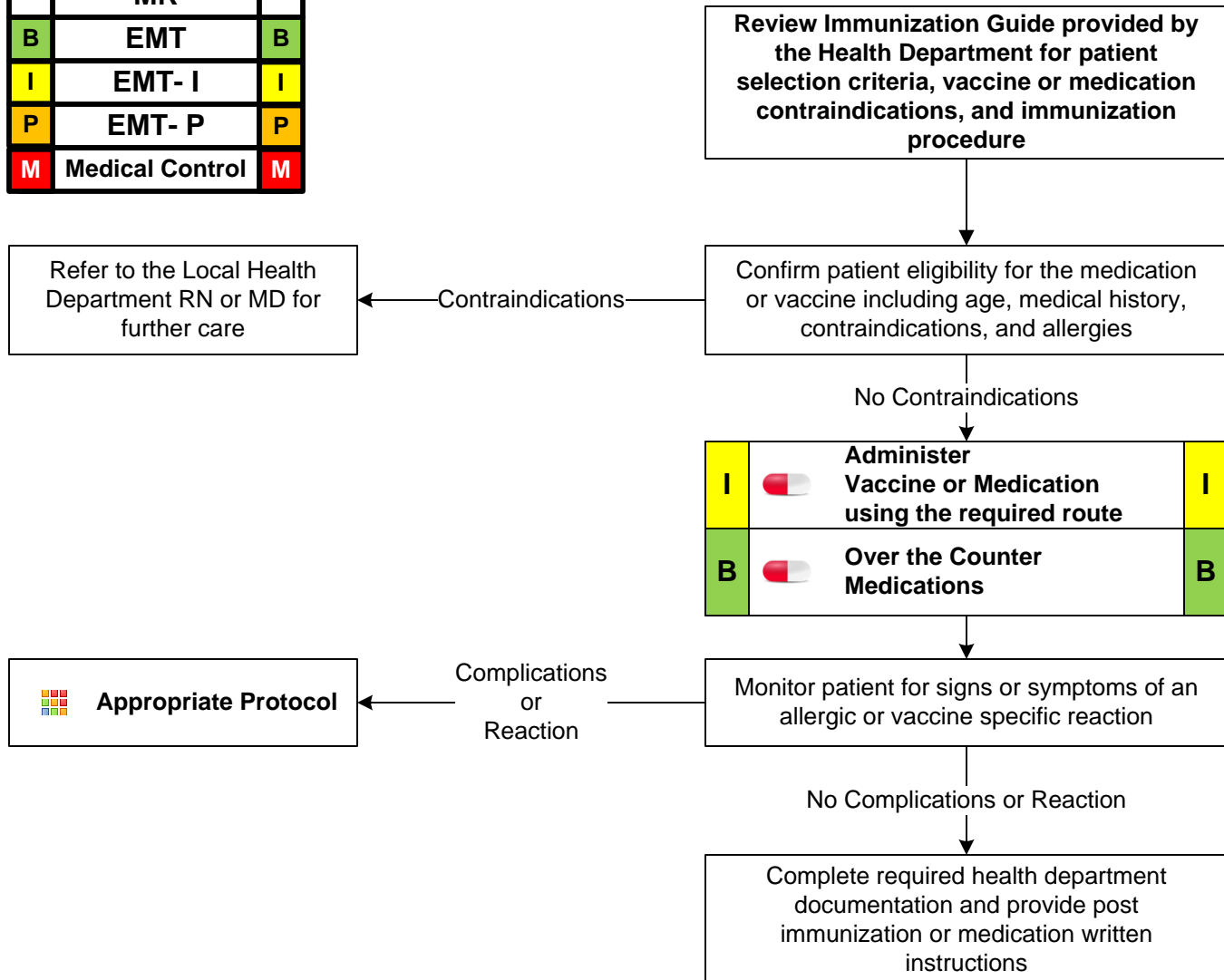


## History

- Follow Local Health Department Criteria for the specific immunization or Medication being administered.
- In general the patient must be without evidence of an active infection to receive an immunization.

**Local implementation of this protocol must be done as a component of the EMS System's local health department community immunization or medication distribution program.**

Legend		
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B	EMT	B
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M	Medical Control	M



**Immunization**

The purpose of this protocol is to provide a protocol driven process for EMS professionals to assist with large public health immunization or medication distribution initiatives.

## Pearls

- The most common site for subcutaneous injection is the arm. Subcutaneous injection volume should not exceed 1 ml (cc).
- Common sites for an intramuscular injection include the arm, buttock, and thigh. Intramuscular injection volume should not exceed 2 ml (cc).
- The thigh is the recommended site for pediatric intramuscular injections. Pediatric intramuscular injection volume should not exceed 1 ml (cc).
- Documentation of the immunization or medication administration must be done using a local health department approved record. The creation of an EMS patient care report is not required but a log of all patient contacts associated with the immunization or medication distribution program must be maintained by the EMS System.

## Protocol 101

This protocol has been developed by the North Carolina Office of EMS (Version 8-25-2009)

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