



Medical Directive

Directive Number	<u>18-10</u>
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Subject	<u>ILI Screening Tool Activation</u>
Update to Clinical Operating Guidelines v 10.01.18	

Credentialed System Responder	Information
Credentialed EMT	Information
Credentialed EMT-Intermediate	Information
Credentialed EMT-Paramedic	Information
Credentialed EMD	Action

With the impending Flu season approaching, we have implemented the Influenza Like Illness (ILI) triage protocol on **October 1, 2018 at 07:00**.

Influenza Like Illness (ILI)

Calltaker Responsibilities / Triage

All patients presenting with complaints triaged off MPDS Protocols 6, 10, 18 or 26 (or any complaint with flu like symptoms) should be screened for Influenza Like Illness (ILI) Symptoms (listed below):

Now tell me if the patient has any of the following symptoms (not-obvious):

- Fever (measured >100.4 or hot to touch)
- Chills
- Unusual Body Aches
- Headache
- Nasal Congestion / Runny or Stuffy Nose
- Persistent Cough
- Sore Throat
- Recent Contact (<14 days) with someone having flu like symptoms?

(Symptoms Present): Add ILI Alert notification to CAD Text.

CAD Shortcut Code: **ILI**

Comm Command / Dispatch Responsibilities

The EMS Dispatcher (s) will do the following when an ILI Alert is received:

- Acknowledge ILI Alert via Alert-Line
- Notify EMS and Fire responders of ILI Alert

Implemented by Austin-Travis County EMS with authorization from ATCOMD on January 7, 2015.

Key Points:

- The ILI Triage will pop-up in CAD when a call-type from **Protocols 6 (headache), 10 (chest pain), 18 (headache) or 26 (sick) are selected**
- The triage should be completed after Key Questions and prior to Post Dispatch Instructions
- A positive finding is **fever AND symptoms**
- Use the CAD Comment Shortcut **/ILI** to document a positive finding
- If no fever exists, stop triage and continue with MPDS Post-Dispatch Instructions
- Make sure ILI Alert is relayed to all responding units (EMS and FRO).

Thanks for all you do. Questions relating specifically to the COGs can be sent to cogs@austintexas.gov

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