EMS Adult Protocols

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**Basic Treatment Guidelines:**
1. Follow initial protocol for all patients.
2. Make determination of apparent death. (Patient will meet at least three of the following criteria.)
   - No respiratory effort on examination over a 30-second time frame
   - No palpable carotid pulse on examination over a 30-second time frame
   - No pupillary response
   - Lividity
   - Rigor Mortis
   - Signs of trauma are conclusively incompatible with life.

   *Resuscitation may or may-not be, initiated if signs of apparent death are present.*

**Advanced Treatment Guidelines:**
Use cardiac monitor to document Asystole if patient is accessible and/or if no hazards are present to care providers.

**If Confirmed Apparent Death:**
1. Contact appropriate Law enforcement.
2. Law Enforcement will contact the Medical Examiner or after consulting with the senior police officer on the scene, EMS may call.
3. Remain on scene until released by Law Enforcement or Medical Examiner.
4. Provide emotional support to family/survivors.
5. Complete appropriate documentation. (prehospital death report)
6. Consider notification of supervisor if high profile event or there is the potential for it to be.
7. Remain aware of a possible crime scene.