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Protocol	3.1.11 Hypertensive Crisis	Last Reviewed/Update Date	
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Treatment goals of the patient exhibiting signs and symptoms of hypertensive crisis include: rapid assessment, symptomatic treatment, and smooth transport with ongoing assessment of changes in patient condition and stability. Early notification to the receiving emergency department and medical control is important.

1. Baseline care standards.
2. Minimize patient exertion.
3. Position patient with head/torso elevated at all times.
4. Administer oxygen 15L per minute via non-rebreather mask.
5. Monitor pulse oximetry.
6. Verify accurate blood pressure values.
7. Rapid transport.
8. Request ALS intercept.
9. Contact medical control.
10. While en route, establish IV Normal Saline and run TKO.

Medical Director's Signature

Date

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