

Kent County EMS, Inc.
Community Paramedicine Protocol
Fever

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Section 11-6

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This protocol provides guidance to the Community Paramedic/Mobile Integrated Health Paramedic (CP/MIHP) for the evaluation and treatment of a patient presenting with fever.

Purpose: Evaluation and treatment of patients with complaint of a fever.

TANDEM365 Directives:

1. Follow *General Treatment Protocol 11.2*.
2. For patients with a fever less than 38.0°C, the CP/MIHP may recommend the following:
 - a. Advise the patient to obtain over-the-counter acetaminophen and take 1000mg every 4-6 hours as needed. Not to exceed more than 3G acetaminophen in a 24-hour period.
3. For participants with a fever above 38.0°C, the CP/MIHP may perform the following:
 - a. Advise the patient to obtain over-the-counter acetaminophen and take 1000mg every 4-6 hours as needed. Not to exceed more than 3G acetaminophen in a 24-hour period.
 - b. Perform in-home assessment of medical status.
 - c. Blood collection for CBC, BMP, CMP, UA, and/or UA with C & S if indicated per the *Specimen Collection Protocol 11-12*.
 - d. A flu swab may be obtained per the *Specimen Collection Protocol 11.12*.

If two or more of the following symptoms are present, strongly consider transport to an emergency department as the patient is at a high risk of sepsis:

- Hyperthermia temp >38°C (100.8°F)
- Hypothermia temp <36°C (96.8°F)
- Heart rate >90bpm
- Respiratory rate <10 or >20 per minute
- Systolic blood pressure <90mmHg or evidence of hypoperfusion

4. The CP/MIHP will communicate with the patient's care team as outlined in the *General Treatment Protocol 11-2* to develop a continuity plan.