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“Up-to-date, professional clinical care for best patient outcome”

The modernisation of the UK ambulance services heralds a new model for healthcare delivery with a much wider remit that has seen a shift away from the traditional role of simply transferring patients to further care. Today, the dedicated staff of the UK ambulance services work together, from the outset, to provide high quality, immediate, up-to-date, professional clinical care on which best patient outcome depends. Such care is reliant on clinical knowledge and expertise, and the Joint Royal Colleges Ambulance Liaison Committee Clinical Practice Guidelines are designed to support staff both during training and in the field.

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Chairman Joint Royal Colleges Ambulance Liaison Committee

Dr Simon Brown

“Important new changes”

Professor Matthew Cooke

“Powerhouse of experience and expertise”

The Joint Royal Colleges Ambulance Liaison Committee (JRCALC) Clinical Practice Guidelines set the standard of care for ambulance practice in the UK. It is vitally important, given the rapidly changing nature of healthcare delivery in the ambulance service, that such changes are reflected in these guidelines. Importantly, the 2006 edition sees the introduction of a paediatric section, recognising that the management of children is frequently different from that of adults. In addition, the new guidance for cardiopulmonary resuscitation is incorporated, including the management of patients fitted with an implantable cardioverter defibrillator. Some sections included in previous editions have been removed, as they are now adequately covered in training manuals.

The multidisciplinary approach to the development of these guidelines not only enhances ownership but provides a ‘powerhouse’ of experience and expertise which feeds directly into the guidelines.

JRCALC is indebted to those who were responsible for previous editions and those who have produced guidelines, or have allowed their work to be directly reproduced, for this current edition.

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To the UK ambulance service's best resource...its staff