2011 US Youth Soccer Region II ODP
Medical Protocol for Team Administrators and Coaches

Soccer is a contact sport and injuries can happen. In order to ensure that each player receives the care s/he may need and that all communication channels are open, we will follow this medical protocol:

Injury at Field

- Direct player to trainer for a minor injury (blisters, taping). Accompany player to the trainer if anything other than a minor injury.
- Trainer will diagnose and recommend treatment

  If Trainer advises no play until seen again
  - Player follows directions of trainer.
  - Player checks in with trainer at field prior to next game/training.
  - Player must be cleared by trainer to play.
  - Administrator communicates with player's family & apprises them of trainer's advice.

  If Trainer advises player be seen by doctor
  - Team administrator accompanies player to hospital/clinic.
  - Team administrator calls player's family to communicate the injury & advice of the trainer; administrator may ask trainer to also talk with the family to relay information.
  - Team administrator communicates to training staff the recommendation of doctor as soon as possible after visit to doctor.
  - Player follows treatment recommendation of doctor and returns to play only on the written clearance of doctor and clearance from athletic training staff.
  - Follow-up will be done at field by athletic training staff prior to player returning to play.
  - If a player cannot return to play within 24 hours, administrator will contact family to make arrangements to have the player return home.

Injury Worsens

- Team administrator should contact trainer
  - Inform trainer of symptoms and receive diagnosis and treatment.
  - Inform player of recommendation of training staff.
  - Communicate with player's family regarding diagnosis and treatment.
  - Update training staff of any changes in players' condition.
  - Follow recommendations of training staff and update family.

- If the recommendation is to visit a hospital/clinic, team administrator will accompany player. Communicate immediately with the player's family and advise medical staff of family's contact information
  - Communicate with training staff the recommendation of the hospital/clinic immediately following the visit.
  - Follow up with training staff prior to returning to play.
  - If a player cannot return to play within 24 hours, administrator will contact family to make arrangements to have the player return home.

Illness

- Player should inform team administrator right away of any illness
  - If illness needs treatment, administrator will accompany player to hospital/clinic.
  - If advised that the player is contagious, isolate player, if possible. Contact family immediately and inform Regional Camp Staff.
  - Stay in communication with player's family about the nature and treatment of the illness.
  - If the player is unable to return to play, arrange with player's family to have them return home as soon as possible.