



MEDICAL CONTROL POLICY STATEMENT/ADVISORY

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EMS MEDICATION BOX/BAG RECERT (JUNE 30, 2017)

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ALL SVMCA PROVIDERS:

Area pharmacies will be recertifying the EMS Drug Boxes and Kits on June 30, 2017. As always, please have your stock through you area pharmacy before noon.

Below is a list of changes:

IV Start Kits:

- The transition over to dextrose 10% is complete; dextrose 50% to be permanently removed from the IV/ALS Kits.

Drug Boxes:

- Atropine Sulfate (1mg/10ml) reduced from three (3) syringes to two (2). This change is a result of short supply and AHA's movement away from atropine as a primary cardiac arrest drug.

SHORTAGES

A current nation-wide shortage primarily involving pre-filled injectable medications has begun to affect the supplies of some critical drugs used in EMS. Pharmacies have been pulling pre-filled syringes from in-house crash carts and replacing them with vials and syringes for months. These supplies are now dwindling. Some of the shortages include epinephrine, atropine, calcium chloride, sodium bicarbonate, etc. Replacement stock is not expected until late summer at the earliest. In the interim, we must do the following:

- "Short dating" of some of the medications may occur. This means that a medication in the box could expire before the next recertification. An "ALERT" sticker will be placed on the box when this occurs.
- If supplies of a medication become exhausted, a "kit" with a syringe, needle, and a vial will take its place.
- If a particular medication is completely exhausted, an "ALERT" sticker will be on the box (we hope it does not come to this).

On June 15, 2017, the FDA approved extended dating of some critical injectable (ABBOJECT) medications. Our pharmacies have a list of eligible drugs and lot numbers. They will keep these syringes in the box if they are included in the FDA extension. Some of these extend the expiration date 8 months past the date originally printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric Snidersich'.

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Attachments:

1. Box and Kit Inventories