



North Country EMS Program Agency

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To: ALS Agencies

From: Ann M. Smith, NCEMSPA Director

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Re: Pharmaceutical Shortage

Lidocaine 2% 100mg/5ml prefilled syringes have joined the list of possible medications that are unavailable. We currently have amiodarone in the protocol as an option to use instead of lidocaine. I would encourage advanced providers to use amiodarone instead of lidocaine when indicated.

Agencies who do not have amiodarone on board should consider placing amiodarone on board immediately.

Epinephrine 1:10,000 prefilled syringes continue to be unavailable and it is encouraged that agencies check inventories. If your inventories are depleted please contact the North Country EMS Program Agency for an alternative.

Other frequently used drugs that you may have problems obtaining are Dextrose 50% 25gm prefilled syringes, Lasix 40 mg vials, Morphine 4 mg and Versed 5 mg

Please contact our office at the numbers below if you need an alternative to an unavailable medication or have any questions.

Thank-you