



North Country EMS Program Agency

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TO: All EMS Agencies
FROM: Ann M. Smith, EMT-CC
RE: News and Notes
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- ◆ In an effort to enlarge the print in the 2007 Protocol Books, the NCEMS office has been working diligently at reformatting the 2007 ALS Protocols. This has created a delay in receiving the pocket size book for providers. Each provider will receive a binder with a copy of the protocols when they attend a protocol update and we will get the others out to the agencies when they are completed.
- ◆ NYS DOH mailed out a letter in January, answering the most frequently asked questions of the Bureau of EMS since the acceptance of the 2005 AHA guidelines. In this letter it stated that NYS DOH has extended their deadline for completion of training to meet the new CPR guidelines to July 1st, 2007. This does not change North Country REMAC requirement to complete this training before March 1st, 2007 as stated in Policy Statement 2006-2A issued in September of 2006. If you have not completed this training, please contact our office for assistance.
- ◆ AED Upgrades continue to be available for Medtronics (Lifepak 500) and Zoll AED's. The upgrades were purchased by the North Country Regional Emergency Medical Services Council and you can call the following locations to have your Medtronic or Zoll AED upgraded:
 - Jefferson County EMS – Contact JCEMS @ 786-3760
 - Lewis County Search and Rescue – Contact Jim Deavers @ 376-7745
 - St. Lawrence County – Contact Jeff Gregory @ 379-3977
- ◆ Protocol update in-services will be conducted throughout Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence Counties by Program Agency staff and State CIC's. **This is mandatory for all ALS providers (intermediates included)**. Dates and times of in-services are enclosed and posted on our website, www.canton.edu/ncems.
- ◆ Spring is around the corner and the deadline for registering for Spring Fling is March 15th, 2007 don't forget to send in your registration forms with payment to the address at the bottom of the page. If you need additional registration forms they can be printed from the website www.canton.edu/ncems and click on conferences.
- ◆ Life Net of New York is offering a continuing medical education conference on Friday May 11th, 2007 in Saratoga Springs, NY. More information can be obtained on our website under the conference link as well as the registration form.

- ◆ NYS DOH has approved the administration of aspirin by EMT-B providers. EMT-B providers are required to complete training on Aspirin Administration and it is recommended that the training be completed by a NYS CIC or CLI. Please contact our office if you need assistance. The protocol gives the dose of aspirin to be administered as 160-325 mg. Regionally Dr. Cattelane has approved the dose at 162 mg. to mirror the ALS dose.
- ◆ Reminder that CME's are due on April 30th, 2007. New scenarios will be sent to CME evaluators the week of March 12th.
- ◆ Please keep our office informed with current officer information and contacts. When updating personnel rosters, please copy our office to include complete names, EMT level with number and expiration dates. If you have not supplied the NCEMS office with a current copy of your EMT card and photo ID please do so. We request that they be mailed, because they are frequently illegible when they are faxed.
- ◆ Remember new protocols will not go into effect until **April 1st, 2007**. Please do not place any of the new medications or equipment on your ambulance until that time. We have received many questions on exactly what will be required on the ambulances April 1st, 2007. I apologize for the multiple changes that have occurred on the minimum equipment list. Below I have provided a summary of the new requirements. The latest version of the minimum equipment list is included in this mailing and posted on our website.
- ◆ Please note that ALS Fly Cars must carry all equipment under the "portable kit" plus an adult IO device, a pediatric resuscitation tape, and 1 bottle each of Benadryl elixir, Acetaminophen elixir, and potable water. Ambulances may use their discretion on whether or not to place any of the above listed items in their portable kits.

Intermediate Level of Care Ambulances

Aspirin 81 mg children's chewable (must complete approved training prior to putting on board)
 Nebulizers - 4 each (Agencies Approved for Albuterol Administration)
 Hemostatic gauze (optional)

Critical Care Level of Care Ambulances

Meconium Aspirator – 2 each
 CPAP delivery system / assorted size masks (Optional for Critical Care & Paramedic Ambulances)
 Acetaminophen Elixir – 1 Bottle [Recommend you use small bottles and discard them after single patient use (Can be purchased over the counter (OTC))]
 Acetaminophen Suppositories – 1200 mg. total
 (Recommended to carry combination of doses to equal or surpass recommended dose of 1200 mg, doses come in 80, 120 and 325 mg and can be purchased OTC)
 Amiodarone 150 mg injection remains optional – 6 each
 Solu-Medrol 125 mg – 3 each
 Solu-Medrol 1 gram or any combination to equal 4 grams
 Diphenhydramine (6 tablets/capsules 25mg each and 1 bottle elixir. Can be purchased OTC)
 Haldol 5 mg injection – 4 each
 Reglan 10 mg injection – 3 each
 Metoprolol 5 mg injection – 6 each

Nitrous Oxide (Optional for Critical Care & Paramedic Ambulances)

Thiamine 100 mg injection – 3 each

Bottled Water – 4 each

Versed 5 mg injection (Narcotic Only Agencies)

Ativan 2 mg injection (Narcotic Only Agencies)

Device to measure blood sugar

Nebulizers – 4 each

Adult IO ability with 1 needle

Pediatric Resuscitation tape

60 cc luer lock syringe w/o needle

Hemostatic gauze (optional)

Paramedic Level of Care Ambulances

All of the supplies listed under AEMT-CC level of care ambulances

60 CC syringe with catheter tip

Quick Trach or Equivalent (1 ea. small & large)