



North Country EMS Program Agency

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Regional Update 4/2017

Spring Fling Registration Deadline is April 20th, 2017

CME Evaluators will not be recredentialed this semester as previously communicated. If you are a CME evaluator, your status remains valid.

Minimum Equipment List has been updated, please note the following changes:

http://www.ncemsprogramagency.org/images/2017_Final_Ambulance_Minimum_Equipment_List.pdf

- All endotracheal tubes should be cuffed
 - The North Country Regional Emergency Medical Council recognizes that most agencies do not carry cuffed pediatric endotracheal tubes and has approved that agencies have until December 31st, 2017 to replace uncuffed endotracheal tubes.
- Iodine tincture has been changed to Iodine preps or liquid
- Requirement for critical care ambulances to carry pediatric endotracheal tubes, stylets, and endotracheal tube securing devices has been removed.
- Critical Care and Paramedic ambulances can carry premixed lidocaine (this is an option) in addition to the Lidocaine 100mg/5ml prefilled.
- Nitroglycerin paste added as an optional medication

There have been grammatical changes to the following pages of the NYS EMS Collaborative Protocols:

- Page 12: (1-3) Cardiac arrest: VF/V-tach-AED moved from Advanced to EMT
- Page 15 and Page 17: (1-5) Obvious death and (1-6) Termination -Fixed transposed words under bullet pertaining to nursing home patients with DNR who expiring during transport
- Pages 83 and 84: updates clarify that medical control is for cardioversion that is outside standing orders (there was confusion expressed by some that cardioversion appeared in both the standing order and medical control sections)
- Page 112: Corrected dexamethasone concentration
- Page 114: Corrected drip calculations (one for amiodarone and three for norepinephrine under the 15 gtt/ml admin set column)

We are having these printed and will mail to your agency for replacement in the printed protocol books that were sent to you. Updated version can be found at

http://www.ncemsprogramagency.org/images/04_17_FINAL_2017_Collaborative_Protocols_040317.pdf

All regional policy statements have been reviewed and updated, please take a moment to review the updated policy statements and read new policy statements. The policy statement handbook will no longer exist; all policy statements will be listed separately on our website at the following link: Please pay special attention to new policy statements 17-07, 17-08, 17-09, and 17-10 <http://www.ncemsprogramagency.org/remSCO-remac/con-information-2.html>



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Summary of policy statement changes, please review full policy statement for additional information:

- 96-01 Deleted
- 96-01 Updated to remove type of radio
- 96-03 Updated to reflect current practice of leaving an approved run sheet if utilizing electronic PCR
- 97-02 Updated to reflect current terminology for BLS non-transporting vehicles
- 97-04 Updated to reflect that all BLS services who perform regionally approved skills such as albuterol, CPAP, Narcan, blood Glucometry, etc. are required to have a REMAC approved medical director
- 01-01 Deleted
- 02-01 Updated the process relating to Interfacility transports for patients with non-protocol drugs
- 04-07 Deleted- information combined in new Policy Statement 17-10
- 04-10 Updated to reflect current terminology
- 04-12 Changed wording to should from must
- 07-05 Updated to reflect 2017 protocols and utilization of online CME system
- 08-08 Deleted and added to Policy Statement 02-01
- 08-05 Deleted and combined into New Policy Statement 17-06
- 10-06 Updated to reflect changes in 2017 protocols
- 11-01 Updated to reflect changes in 2017 protocols
- 11-02 Updated to reflect Gouverneur as a medical control hospital
- 11-03 Updated and information added from previous special protocol
- 11-06, 14-01, 16-01, 16-02 Deleted and combined into New Policy Statement 17-06
- 17-01 New approved alternate airway device
- 17-02 New refusal of care- Previously it was a special protocol
- 17-03 New radio failure- Previously it was a special protocol
- 17-04 New physician on scene (we have pre-printed cards available at our office that you can provide to a physician on scene and will be distributing them upon request and at meetings)- Previously it was a special protocol
- 17-05 New Air Medical - Previously it was a special protocol
- 17-06 New BLS Narcan, Albuterol, Blood Glucometry, and 12-lead ECG acquisition
- **17-07 New Stroke (clarification of timeline for consideration of EMS Transport to a NYS DOH Designated stroke center)**
- **17-08 New AEMT additions to 2017 NYS EMS Collaborative Protocols**
- **17-09 New Nitroglycerin Paste**
- **17-10 New CQI requirements 2017 NYS EMS Collaborative Protocols**
- 17-11 New Medical Control Agreement 2017 NYS EMS Collaborative Protocols
- 17-12 New RSI
- 17-13 New Hospital Destination

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at the numbers below

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