



## Central Shenandoah Emergency Medical Services Council

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To: Agency Training Officers, EMS Providers  
From: Matt Lawler, Training Director  
Re: Training Calendar  
New Protocols and Equipment

### Training Calendar

Enclosed, you will find the training calendar for January to June 2005. Please post the calendar at your agency and/or distribute copies to your providers. The calendar is also available on our website at [www.csems.vaems.org/calendar](http://www.csems.vaems.org/calendar).

As you review the training calendar, note that the ALS CE offering has been modified to include standard ALS CE that meets the new Virginia ALS CE requirements. The Council will provide the 48 mandatory and flexible core content hours every two years. A schedule of this standard ALS CE is enclosed.

### Protocol Changes

Several protocol changes and additions that the Medical Control Review Committee approved in 2004 will be introduced in February. Training on the new protocols and devices will be conducted at the February skills drill sessions. Written and practical evaluations will not be conducted at the February skills drills. ***It is imperative that all ALS providers attend a skills drill session to receive this training.***

The new devices being introduced are the Melker Emergency Cricothyrotomy Catheter Sets, the F.A.S.T.1 Intraosseous Infusion System, and the Gum Elastic Bougie. The Melker airway will replace the needle cricothyrotomy and will be required for Intermediate/Paramedic level EMS agencies. The F.A.S.T.1 and gum elastic bougie devices will be agency-optional. The enclosed information sheet on these devices outlines specifications and purchasing options.

The protocol revisions are being printed and will be available by the end of the month. Distribution of the protocol updates will take place in February. The effective date of the revisions will be March 1, 2005. In order to accurately distribute the protocol booklets and update our records, we are requesting the following information from each agency before you receive the protocol updates:

1. Number of EMS vehicles.
2. Roster of agency officers.
3. Roster of active membership to include the following: first name, last name, address, home phone, work (day) phone, EMS certification number, EMS certification level.

Once you submit this information, you may visit the CSEMS Council office starting February 1, 2005 to pick up your protocol books. Alternatively, you may have a representative from your agency pick up the protocol books at any skills drill in February. If you plan on picking up the protocol books at a skills drill, please contact the Council at least one (1) business day in advance, so that we can bring enough books to distribute.

### Local Protocol Course

Administration of aspirin and glucagon by EMT-B providers has been approved by the MCRC and is included in the revised protocols. In order for an EMT-B to administer either of these drugs, the EMT **MUST** receive training at a local protocol (AED/CBT) class. Local protocol instructors will be attending updates in February to receive the new course material.

EMT-B providers will access the Shock Trauma box (Cardiac box if that is the only box carried on the EMS unit) to obtain the glucagon. The drug box will then be exchanged at the receiving hospital. Agencies should acquire and stock aspirin in the same manner as is done for oral glucose. The aspirin should then be

appropriately stored on the EMS vehicle in a like manner. Aspirin should not be obtained from a drug box, unless that is the only option. Information concerning the type of aspirin to purchase is contained on the enclosed information sheet.

**REMEMBER!** EMT-B providers are not authorized to administer these medications until the new protocols are effective **and** they have received the training under the revised local protocol (AED/CBT) curriculum.

### **Class Registration**

Registration for skills drills and CE classes is required. If you do not register for skill drills, you may not be permitted to participate in the session if the staffing levels cannot accommodate extra providers that are not registered. CE classes that do not have any registrations one day in advance will be cancelled. You can register for all sessions on-line at [www.csems.vaems.org/register](http://www.csems.vaems.org/register) or call our office at **540-886-3676** or **800-868-5646**.