



Central Shenandoah Emergency Medical Services Council

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To: Regional Agencies
From: Matt Lawler, Assistant Director *mlf*
Re: Modification of Protocols and Guidelines

At the March meeting of the Medical Control Review Committee, the committee modified the guidelines for the stocking of EpiPen[®] auto-injectors and expanded the scope of authorized users of the EZ-IO[®].

Stocking of EpiPen[®] Auto-injectors

Previously, transport EMS vehicles were required to carry two (2) EpiPen[®] auto-injectors and two (2) EpiPen[®] Jr. auto-injectors. Non-transport EMS vehicles were required to carry one (1) EpiPen[®] auto-injector and one (1) EpiPen[®] Jr. auto-injector. The committee moved that the following shall apply to the stocking of EpiPen[®] auto-injectors:

The recommended number of EpiPen[®] auto-injectors stocked on *any* EMS vehicle shall be one (1) EpiPen[®] auto-injector and one (1) EpiPen[®] Jr. auto-injector, unless otherwise authorized by the agency Operational Medical Director.

This new guideline lends support to Operational Medical Directors who choose to implement an agency-specific policy to *not* carry any EpiPen[®] auto-injectors on EMS vehicles.

Authorized Users of the EZ-IO[®] Product System

The Medical Control Review Committee moved to include the Shock Trauma and EMT-Enhanced levels as authorized levels to use the EZ-IO[®] Product System.

EZ-IO Product System Training

Recently, forty-three ALS technicians participated in training conducted by Vidacare, the manufacturer of the EZ-IO[®]. The training equipped these providers with the knowledge to teach other ALS providers to use the device. The training on the devices should be well underway. As a reminder, the CSEMS Council has training equipment available to be checked out for the practical aspect of the EZ-IO[®] training.

Other EZ-IO Product System Information

Please remember that the CSEMS Council has arranged for an exchange of F.A.S.T.1 sternal IO devices for EZ-IO[®] AD needles on a one-for-one basis. The deadline to turn in your F.A.S.T.1 devices is April 15, 2007. We will not be able to exchange any F.A.S.T.1 devices after this date.

Sovereign Medical, LLC is the distributor of the EZ-IO[®]. Agencies should contact the regional representative, Mack Overman, at 919-810-9595 or mack@sovmed.com to order additional driver sets, replacement needles or other accessories.