



NYC REMAC

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The Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) of New York City has just been made aware of a national shortage of Magnesium Sulfate. Suppliers have stated that the medication in 1gram/2ml vials is not available, nor is it available in a pre-filled syringe. This shortage may last until the Fall of 2011.

The following ALS Protocols are affected:

- 503A-V-Fib/Pulseless V-Tach
- 505C-V-Tach with Pulse/Wide Complex Tachycardia
- 507-Asthma
- 540-OB Comp
- 553-Pediatric Non Traumatic Cardiac Arrest

It is understood, in the event Magnesium Sulfate is not available, the affected protocols will be followed, with the specific exclusion of that medication.

If your agency is being affected by this shortage, please contact the REMAC at mdiglio@nycremsco.org.

Current and Updated Protocols can be accessed at the Regional EMS Council website: www.nycremsco.org.

Owners/operators of Ambulance and ALS First Response Services providing prehospital medical treatment within the five boroughs of the City of New York are responsible to provide copies of the NYC REMAC Prehospital Treatment Protocols to their personnel, and to ensure that Service Medical Directors and EMS personnel are informed of all changes/updates to the NYC REMAC Prehospital Treatment Protocols.

In order to provide evidence that all EMS personnel have been updated in current protocols, the EMS Agency must provide a list of updated personnel accompanied by a letter of affirmation signed by the service medical director and Chief Executive Officer no later than FOUR (4) weeks after completion of training/in-service.

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