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The Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) of New York City has revised Advanced Life Support Protocol 527: Chemical Eye Injuries. The protocol has been revised to include the use of Tetracaine as an alternate for proparacaine. Tetracaine does not require refrigeration.

The protocol has been revised as follows: (New language is **double-underlined and bold**, deleted language is ~~**struck out and bold**~~)

1. Begin Basic Life Support Eye Injuries procedures.
2. Assist the patient with removal of contact lens (if present).
3. If the patient is agitated or unable to hold eyelid open, instill Proparacaine HCl 0.5% solution **or Tetracaine HCl 0.5% solution**, 1-2 gtts, topically, into the affected eye(s) to facilitate irrigation. The initial dose may be repeated only once.
4. Transportation Decision.

Attached is a copy of the revised ALS Protocol # 527 – Chemical Eye Injuries.

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.

This revised protocol revision will be effective July 1, 2005.

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