

Advisory No. 2020-10 Title: Updated: TEMPORARY Cardiac Arrest Standards for Disaster Response Issue Date: April 17, 2020 Effective Date: Immediate Supersedes: 2020-08 Page: 1 of 3

The Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) of New York City is responsible to develop, approve and implement prehospital treatment and transport protocols for use within the five boroughs of the City of New York. The Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) of New York City operates under the auspices of Article Thirty of the New York State Public Health Law.

The NYC REMAC proudly thanks the EMS Professionals tirelessly working to protect and serve the residents of NYC and recognizes that EMS provides an <u>ESSENTIAL</u> service to this city, state and country.

Basis:

In order to ensure the safety of our providers while also providing care to our patients, the following changes have been made in the **Cardiac Arrest** procedure:

- Refer to attachment: Cardiac Arrest Standards of Care During the COVID-19 Pandemic Guidance Document
- In the event a resuscitation is terminated, and the body is in public view, the body can be left in the custody of NYPD.
- In the event NYPD response is delayed call the following:
 - o NYPD DOA Removal: <u>646-610-5580</u>

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.

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BUREAU OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND TRAUMA SYSTEMS GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

TO: Emergency Medical Service Providers

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SUBJECT: Cardiac Arrest Standard of Care During the COVID-19 Pandemic

DATE: April 17, 2020

Effective immediately, all levels of the NYS Department of Health Certified Emergency Medical Services Providers (i.e., Certified First Responder through Paramedic level) must use the attached protocol. Please note that this protocol:

- Applies only to patients older than 18 years of age;
- Contains changes that are based on well-accepted, widely published evidence, and are widely agreed upon by the physician leaders of Emergency Medical Service Regional Medical Control Systems across New York State; and
- Reflects recommended revisions which pre-date the COVID-19 public health emergency and have been successfully used in many areas of the US, as well as other locations throughout the world.

COVID-19 Public Health Emergency **EMS Cardiac Arrest Standards of Care**

