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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.

In response to increasing National Drug Shortages, the Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) of New York City is taking the following actions:

D50W National Shortage

1. There are a critical national shortage of D50W pre-filled syringes and vials
2. The following adult ALS Protocols are affected:
 - 503-B: Pulseless Electrical Activity (Pea)/Asystole
 - 511: Altered Mental Status
 - 513: Seizures
3. If IV Dextrose (D50W) is indicated, but not available in the usual form:
 - The Agency Medical Director must identify and authorize the administration of an equivalent medication.
 - REMAC must be informed as to the Agency Medical Director's decision.

If your agency has, or anticipates a medication shortage, advise the NYC REMAC as soon as possible, by emailing mdigli@nycremsco.org. The REMAC will continue to investigate alternate medications that may be utilized.

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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