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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.

Due to national medication shortages some ALS agencies are having problems obtaining medications. In an effort to be pro-active, especially now that summer and higher call volumes are here, REMAC is requesting all ALS Agencies to advise us of current or anticipated shortages in Standing Order medications.

Pain Management:

It is understood that certain pain medications may not be readily available. If your agency is unable to obtain pain medications, advise REMAC via email to mdiglio@nycremsco.org.

If an agency is UNABLE to obtain pain medication due to a national shortage, ALS units can continue to operate at the ALS level, and protocols can be implemented without administration of pain medication.

Seizure Management:

In order to operate at the ALS level, units MUST have benzodiazepines for the treatment of seizure patients. If your agency is unable to obtain benzodiazepines, you must contact REMAC immediately via email to mdiglio@nycremsco.org.

Once again, please communicate with REMAC so that drug shortage issues can be identified and dealt with.

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