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Dear Colleague:

Enclosed you will find an update to the New York State Basic Life Support Protocols for Emergency Medical Technicians and Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians. The protocols were developed by the State Emergency Medical Advisory Committee and approved by the State EMS Council. Also included is a curriculum and access to a PowerPoint presentation to be used for training and updating EMS providers.

The updated protocol will be implemented in the following manner:

1. NYS BEMS strongly encourages all training sessions be conducted by Certified Instructor Coordinators (CIC). In the event a CIC is not available a CLI is acceptable. If a CIC and CLI are unavailable to a particular agency, then the appropriate training officer for the agency can conduct the training, but only with the approval of their medical director.
2. Where ever possible, Regional EMS Councils should assist in developing several region-wide training updates.
3. NYS BEMS approved Course Sponsors must begin using this material in all current and future certification courses testing after July 1, 2008.
4. EMS agencies must assure that all of their EMT-B and AEMT's are updated to the new protocol.
5. Although this protocol is in effect immediately, implementation of the protocol at the agency level can not occur until all employees/members of the agency have completed the training. **All training must be completed by December 31, 2008.**

The entire protocol book as well as all updates and the PowerPoint presentations are available on our web site at <http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/ems/main.htm>. The protocol book is designed so you can remove the old version of these protocols and insert these new pages without the need to obtain an entire new book. Please check our web site regularly for any updates to the protocols and other Bureau of EMS documents.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact our Education Unit at (518) 402-0996, ext. 1, 4.

Sincerely,



Director,
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