



Westchester Regional EMS Council

REMAC ADVISORY Pharmaceutical Shortage

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The Westchester Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) has received notification from the New York State Department of Health concerning a shortage of pharmaceuticals that may impact Paramedic services. Included on this list are the following medications used in the Regional EMS system:

- Epinephrine 0.1 mg/mL Emergency Syringes (10 mL Abboject Syringe with 1.5 inch 21 gauge needle)
- Vecuronium Injection 10 mg and 20 mg vials

Although information from the manufacturers indicates that this shortage should be temporary, Paramedic services are advised to communicate with their Agency Medical Directors, supplying hospital pharmacies and/or vendors to review current inventories and consider contingency plans. Paramedic service administrators are asked to make notification of critical medication shortfalls to the Regional EMS office by calling (914) 231-1616. REMAC will continue to monitor the situation and will distribute additional advisories should the need arise.

Additional information regarding specific medication shortages may be found at the FDA website for drug shortages:

<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/DrugShortages/ucm050792.htm>

Please refer all questions regarding this advisory to the Regional EMS office. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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