



Westchester Regional EMS Council

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To: Westchester Regional BLS Albuterol Agencies
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Re: BLS Nebulized Albuterol – EMT Education and Patient Assessment

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While the NYS DOH EMT-B curriculum does include the assisted administration of Albuterol via a metered dose inhaler (MDI), a stand-alone curriculum has been established to train EMTs in providing the medication through pressurized oxygen driven nebulizer to patients who do not have their personal MDI available. Your course material must follow this curriculum and be approved by your Medical Director. The physician, or his or her designee, preferably an ALS provider, should complete the in-service.

To maintain your program, your agency needs to:

- Provide regular and ongoing updates to your EMT-B providers regarding proper patient assessment for asthma, the role of nebulized Albuterol and its uses per protocol, and required patient care documentation.
- A listing of the EMT-B providers in your service that have received the required training must be provided to the Regional EMS Office and updated regularly.

(Note: Paramedics working for a BLS service must be in-serviced in the provision of Nebulized Albuterol as a BLS provider. Significant protocol differences exist between ALS and BLS administration of the medication. Providers may not practice outside the level of care allowed for the agency.)

To ensure that your organization is meeting the requirements necessary to provide administration of nebulized Albuterol by EMT-B providers, the following documentation is being redistributed:

- Westchester REMAC Policy Statement 04-02 Re: EMT-B Administration of Nebulized Albuterol
- BLS Nebulized Albuterol Program Training Curriculum
- Westchester REMAC BLS Special Procedure Protocol 1: Nebulized Albuterol Treatment Protocol (with Appendix A: Respiratory Assessment Scales)
- NYS BLS Protocol Special Considerations (SC) – 4 : Nebulized Albuterol
- NYS DOH Policy Statement 00-15 Re: Storage and Safeguarding of Medications Administered By EMT-B's

Power point presentations for review of the use of Peak Flow Meters and Nebulizers are available on the Westchester Regional EMS website, www.wremsco.org, on the REMAC subpage under "Protocols, Policies & Advisories" with Policy Statement 04-02 Re: EMT-B Administration of Nebulized Albuterol. Copies of the slides have also been included in this mailing.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Regional EMS Office at 914-231-1616.