



Westchester Regional EMS Council

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To: All Westchester Regional EMS Agencies
All Westchester Region Service Medical Directors

Fr: Katherine O'Connor, BS, EMT-P
Regional EMS Office

Re: NYS Protocol Update - Aspirin (Deadline 7/1/07) - UPDATE

Date: June 14, 2007

Based upon inquiries from local EMS agencies regarding roll-out for the NYS BLS Protocol update related to aspirin administration for Cardiac Related Emergencies, the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) Bureau of EMS (BEMS) has indicated that **methods of distributing Service Medical Director approved training presentations, other than in a classroom setting, are acceptable.**

NYSDOH Metropolitan Area Regional Office (MARO) representative Richard Robinson reported to the Westchester Regional EMS Office this morning that following his conversation with NYSDOH BEMS central office staff, a web-based or electronic distribution of training materials related to the state protocol update was acceptable if the following conditions were followed:

- The Service Medical Director has approved the training materials
- Each EMT / AEMT reviews the material
- Each EMT / AEMT completes a Service Medical Director approved written exam
- Each EMT / AEMT completes the NYSDOH provided practical skill exam

Again, it cannot be more strongly reinforced that this alternative method must meet with the complete approval of the agency's Service Medical Director. Also, all records of update completion by the individual providers must be retained by the agency for inspection on demand by the NYSDOH and/or the Westchester REMAC. All agencies are reminded that the REMAC Chair has asked that an affirmation signed by the Service Medical Director be submitted to the Westchester Regional EMS Office upon the agency's completion of the update.

If there are any questions regarding this memorandum, please contact the Westchester Regional EMS Office at 914-231-1616.

Cc: Dr. N. DeRobertis, REMAC Chair
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