



# Tales of the East

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## EMS Week & Annual Banquet

The National observance of EMS Week will be May 20-26, 2001. Please let us know of any plans your agencies have for this week.

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Midstate EMS Banquet will be held May 11, 2001 at the Twin Ponds Golf and Country Club in New York Mills. Tickets for the banquet will be \$10.00. The tickets will be available after April 1<sup>st</sup> at the EMS offices in Utica. No tickets will be held for any reason. Please make any checks payable to Midstate REMSCO. Checks made out any other way will be returned.

Applications and criteria for the awards are also available through the EMS offices or any of the REMSCO members. The deadline for the submission of awards is April 15, 2001. For more information please call the EMS office.

**EMS WEEK**  
**MAY 20-26, 2001**

## Approved Transfer Medications

The Midstate REMAC has approved certain medications to be utilized on Interfacility Transfers. Please review the list of skills and medications in the Interfacility Transfer section (page 63 & 64) of the 2000 Edition ALS Protocols. If the medication is not listed, a nurse or other appropriate staff will be needed for the transfer.

The REMAC has reviewed several new medications and will make a decision in the near future as to whether they will be allowed for Interfacility Transfers. Until that time, do not put your personnel, agency or the patient in harms way. If the medication is not listed than EMS can not monitor or transport the medication without further staff. If you have any questions please call the EMS Office.

## Albuterol for EMT's and AEMT-I's

The Asthma/Albuterol Updates are under way in the Midstate Region. The REMAC policy/protocol states that all ALS First Response Agencies, all Ambulance Agencies and all BLS AED Agencies in the Midstate EMS Region must implement this protocol by November 1, 2001. This is mandatory for these agencies.

Each agency will need to submit an agency specific policy on how the albuterol will be stored and accessed by your personnel, along with a roster of all your EMT's and AEMT-I's. Once we have received your agency's policy, we will send a confirmation letter granting REMAC approval to carry and utilize the albuterol. We will also send a list of providers who have completed the update and are allowed to utilize the protocol.

There are still many dates for you to attend an update. Visit our web site for the dates or call the EMS Office at 738-8351.

## PCR News

Thanks to all of the agencies that have submitted their PCR's on time. To get a few of those agencies that are continuously late in getting their PCR's in, we will begin posting the agency names on our web site. We are also going to give a list of the agencies to the REMAC for review. Remember that PCR completion/submission is part of the agency agreement to have AED and ALS privileges from the REMAC.

**SEATING FOR THE 2001  
MIDSTATE EMS EDUCATION  
DAY IS STILL AVAILABLE.  
GET YOUR REGISTRATION  
FORM IN TODAY.**

## What's in the Works

The Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare EMS Program Agency will begin a few projects in the next few months.

1. We will be taking photos of every agency in the Region. We would like to place a short bio of your agency on our web site. The bio will promote your agency, provide a contact for any one interested in joining your agency and will show the other agencies in the region and elsewhere what you are doing.
2. We are also creating some brochures and informational packets can be used for recruiting new members. We will be personalizing each packet for the agency.
3. We are looking to put a case study on the web site. You would download the case study and complete the exam for some CME credits. This is still in the planning process and may not occur until fall.
4. We are always looking for new ideas. Please give us your thoughts on what you would like to see in the next 12 months.

## Rumor Control

There have been many rumors about the status of Dr. Michael Garrett, Regional Medical Director. He is no longer the Director of the St. Luke's Emergency Department. He IS still working in our community. He IS still the Midstate EMS Regional Medical Director. He IS still very committed to EMS.

Dr Garrett has asked for us to schedule some "Town Hall" meetings in the next few months to put some fears to rest and to answer your questions. Dates, times and locations of the sessions will be sent to your agencies shortly.

## VISIT US

[www.midstateEMS.org](http://www.midstateEMS.org)

**For the Providers of the  
Midstate EMS  
Region!**

## EMS Education Day

The Midstate REMSCO and the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare EMS Program Agency are proud to announce the 2001 EMS Education Day. It will be held at April 21, 2001 at the Holiday Inn on Burrstone Road in New Hartford, New York.

The tuition for the day is \$30. This includes the educational programs, handouts, CME credit and lunch. The Midstate REMSCO has made the pledge to reimburse any of the providers from our Region \$10. Forms for reimbursement will be available at the registration desk the day of the event.

Brochures and registration forms can be down loaded from our web site or call the EMS office. Please take advantage of a great educational opportunity in our Region.

## CQI Corner

The Midstate REMAC has the following CQI studies under way in the Region. The CHF indicator for AEMT-CC and Paramedic agencies, the Patient Refusal indicator for all agencies, and the Cardiac Arrest indicator for all agencies. Findings from these studies are distributed each quarter at the county CQI meetings. It is important to send a representative to these meetings.

The indicator forms can be found on our web site or can be obtained by calling the EMS office. Remember, the indicators are due each month and should be sent in with the yellow copies of the PCR's.

**THE SECOND SEMESTER CME'S  
ARE DUE April 30, 2001.**

## Manager's Resource Guides

Manager's Resource Guides were distributed at the December Management Seminar. The guide has all of the current copies of Article 30, Part 800 and the DOH Policy Statements. This guide also has important Midstate forms and policies, applications for PAD and Epi-Auto-Injectors, and a useful reference section. Agencies that have not received a guide can call the EMS office to pick one up.