



# Tales of the East

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## NEW PROTOCOLS

The new protocols are up and running!!!!!! During the month of September the Midstate EMS program Agency hosted eight Protocol updates at various locations throughout the three counties. Almost 300 Intermediates, Critical Care Techs and Paramedics were updated on the protocols. Most Providers found the information to be educational and felt it was time well spent.

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## PARAMEDIC CLASS

The 2006 Paramedic Original class has begun. Instructors Bob and Dave Paddock will be holding class for 25 Providers looking to advance their skills.

**Good Luck to All**

**Midstate EMS  
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## What's in the Works

- Photo ID will be done at the EMS Office on Tues. & Thurs. 9-3 . If you need to make special arrangements please call Chris to schedule an appointment.
- Keep that paperwork coming. Please have all your PCR's in by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the following month. Only the PCR for transports are required. Please include a list of non transports so we can keep track of the number of total calls your agency responds to.
- When submitting information to the Program Agency be sure all copies of cards and CME sheets are signed.
- Did you know you can register for a class by calling Linda or online at [www.midstateems.org](http://www.midstateems.org)
- Please keep us informed of all changes in your organization: Officers, Medical Directors, and Ryan White Officers. The hospitals will no longer be able to give any patient information after an exposure except to those we have listed as your Ryan White Officer.
- The NYSDOH web site now lists those providers who have had legal action taken against them. Check the site if you have a new applicant.
- While on that site check the NIMS policy 06-05
- Oneida Co 911 has EMD up and running again
- Faxton- St. Luke's and St. Elizabeth Medical Center have instituted a no smoking policy. All properties owned by either organization will be totally smoke free beginning Nov. 11, 2006. Let's not put your agency at odds with hospital administration
- We are working to make some changes to the web site.
- REMAC meets Nov.28 get your protocol questions to us so they can be addressed.

## WEBSITE

Several new areas have been added to the web site: [www.midstateems.org](http://www.midstateems.org). Our calendar now includes dates of Regional meetings, training opportunities and special EMS events. A discussion forum has been added for web discussions regarding EMS issues. On-line registration for all classes and easier access to directly email issues to the EMS staff. If your agency has an up-coming training event that is open to all let us know. Information changes regularly so keep checking in

## CQI Corner

A new CQI initiative has begun. Starting Nov 1, 2006 we will be looking at ALS intercepts. Do we do enough or too many? This indicator sheet will be completed by the Provider who calls for the intercept. Please use the comment section to list your thoughts and or concerns. Please fax the CQI indicator sheet along with the PCR as soon after the call as possible.

Fax # 738 -8981

### **PROTOCOLS from pg 1**

Although these protocols were written over almost two years, proofed by many people, revised over 10 times and approved by the SEMAC in Albany there are still some clarifications needed and some typographical errors to address. Some of the most frequently asked questions are:

**Amiodarone**-Wide complex Tachycardia  
Slow IV pushes.

**Atrovent**- not for Basic or Intermediate use  
**Phenergan**- IM only

**Etomidate**- prepare for continued sedation CS intercept early.

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**Recemic Epinephrine-**

- Must be diluted in 3.5-5 ml NS before nebulized administration.
- Standing order for Paramedics

Eye Irrigation Protocol (pg27)

- Contacts must be removed
- Should not be used with visible foreign bodies

Use of CO<sub>2</sub> detector is required on all intubated and dual lumen tubed patients at this time wave form capnography is not a substitute.

Routine Medical Care (pg2 & 40)

Patient care should be based on patient condition. All potential ALS patients should be in the care of an ALS provider.

Interfacility Transfers CC (pg69)

Blood products and chest tubes included

Patient Refusals (pg70)

PCR's must be signed by Medical Control Physician only for AMA and ALS refusals.

12 Lead EKG (pg17)

1 Lateral	AVR AVR	V1 Septal	V4 Anterior
2 Inferior	AVL Lateral	V2 Septal	V5 Lateral
3 Inferior	AVF Inferior	V3 Anterior	V6 Lateral

**Versed** is not for pediatric seizures.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY**

Full time day position is available at Resource. To be eligible for this Faxton St Luke's position you must be able to "think on your feet", have excellent people skills, and have a good working knowledge of the Midstate system along with the ability to multitask. For information contact Vinny.  
738-8351

**Congratulations**

**Dr. DeTraglia**

**Winner of the Commissioner of Health's Award of Excellence in EMS Activities at this year's Vital Signs Conference**

**Congratulations**

**Dr. Rubin**

**The 2006 winner of Accent on Excellence is our very own Faxton St Luke's Paramedic Medical Director. As an ED Physician at St Elizabeth Medical Center Dr. Rubin is very active as one of our REMAC Physician.**

**EKG STRIPS**

If you think it is important to run and attach an EKG strip to your PCR please take the extra time to put the patient's name on the strip. Often times these strips get separated from the PCR and the ED staff need to re attach them.

**MATERNITY CALLS AT 327**

Resource operators will be completing a new sheet for all L&D patients over 20 weeks with labor related complaints. It is imperative you call on the cell phone because they need the patient name, physician, and EDC. A Physician will then "eye ball" that patient. Their inability to get this information before arrival will delay your ability to go to L&D.

## New Equipment for Education

Faxton-St.Luke's EMS Education was this years featured recipient from the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union (UFCW Local One). Over \$4000 in gifts, including AED trainers, C-Collars and Advanced Airway equipment were donated at the annual "One Golf Tournament". The annual award event was held at Turning Stone Casino and Resort on August 24th following the day long golfing event. Attending the award ceremony from EMS was Dan Broedel.

Recently Patty Kobie (senior AHA instructor) completed several CPR/AED classes in preparation for delivery of a new AED to UFCW Local One. Nice Job! Patty. Thank You UFCW Local 1



Pictured L/R Patty Kobie, Frank DeRiso - President UFCW Local 1; David Ronan - AHA Training Center Coordinator.