



Tales of the East

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EMS Education Day

MIDSTATE EMS and Faxton - St. Luke's EMS Program Agency invite EMS providers to participate in our annual Education Day. This year Mr. Steve Berry will present the key note and closing remarks. The Radisson Hotel on Genesee Street in Utica will host the Saturday October 6 program that will begin at 8AM and conclude at 4 PM. Registration includes materials, lunch and breaks, early registration is \$20.00 after September 1, the fee will be \$25.00.

In addition to Mr. Berry's "Lord what fools these mortals be.." and "Good morning-Finding strength in the tears" our Program will include; Street Drugs, Cardiac Arrest 2007, Staying Alive in EMS, the Bureau of EMS will present the "State of EMS in NYS" and of course the Panel Discussion. The Midstate REMAC will award 2 ALS and 3.5 BLS CME's for this program.

To register for this years program contact Chris at the EMS Office 315 624 -4533 or chris@midstateems.org.

CPR Healthcare Provider

American Heart Association, Healthcare Provider Classes are provided the 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month at the EMS Training Center register on line at midstateems.org.

EMS Agency Up-Date

The New York State Department of Health is in the process of up-dating EMS Agency information. The Bureau of EMS has mailed "information packets" to all BLS Agencies in the Midstate Region. This information is to be returned to the Program Agency to be reviewed for completeness and accuracy. Agencies no longer providing EMS will be removed from the DOH database and those agency codes suspended. Included with the informational packet is Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) paperwork. BLS Fire/Rescue Agencies are encouraged to become a PAD site allowing the use of the AED by any trained member. The Midstate Region's informational packets will be submitted to the Bureau in September.

Pre-Hospital Mental Health

When faced with Pre-Hospital mental health patients requiring ambulance transportation providers should first determine whether a medical condition exists or not. If no medical condition exists, a second question should be answered; Is this a voluntary or involuntary patient? Involuntary patients are transported under mental health law either under the direction of law enforcement (9.41) or medical direction (9.45). If neither of these forms are with the patient he/she is NOT INVOLUNTARY. Involuntary patients are transported to state designated hospitals (9.39) in our Region these patients are transported based on location and an agreed upon rotation system managed by Resource. Voluntary Mental Health patients can and should be transported to the hospital of their choice. When faced with a pre-hospital mental health patient ask yourself two questions 1. Is this a medical problem? 2. Is this a voluntary transport?

CQI

Participation in a Pre-Hospital Quality Assurance Program is each Agencies responsibility. In the Midstate Region EMS Agencies participate through County Programs, Participation has been defined by our REMAC as 50% attendance at County meetings and Participation in current studies (Cardiac Arrest, and Albuterol administration by EMT-B and AEMT-I providers). Both QA evaluation tools are available on the midstateems.org web site. The Bureau of EMS is currently rolling out an updated QA Program we can expect a Regional roll-out in the fall.

County Quality Assurance Meetings;

Oneida County, Tuesday September 18, 6 PM at the Training Center

Madison County, Wednesday September 19, 6:30 PM at Oneida Healthcare

Herkimer County, Thursday September 20, 7 PM at the 911 Center in Herkimer

Controlled Substance Agencies

Occasionally requests for controlled substances are needed to treat our patients, below is a list of Midstate EMS Agencies currently authorized to carry/administer Controlled Substances;

- AmCare Ambulance
- Bridgewater Ambulance
- Cazenovia Area Ambulance
- Central Oneida County Ambulance
- City of Utica Ambulance
- Eaton Fire Department Ambulance
- Edwards Ambulance
- Greater Lenox Ambulance
- Ilion Fire Department Ambulance
- Inlet Ambulance
- Little Falls Fire Dept. Ambulance
- North Shore Ambulance
- Old Forge Ambulance
- Kunkel Ambulance
- Kuyahora Ambulance
- Madison Ambulance
- MOVAC Ambulance
- Rural Metro Ambulance
- Stittville Fire Department
- Vineall Ambulance
- Waterville Ambulance

Pre-Hospital Care Reports

New York State Department of Health supplies Pre-Hospital Care Reports to Program Agencies for distribution to the Regions EMS Agencies. Agencies are to submit by the tenth of each month Research copies of the previous months PCR's. When received at the Program Agency office the PCR's are scanned according to DOH guidelines. Required fields are the non grayed boxes on the research copy. These include fields such as; Date of Call, Agency Name and Code, Presenting Problem, Geo-Code, Patient Name, Date of Birth and Social Security # (if not available must be filled in with zeros). Incomplete PCR's are returned to the Agency and must be corrected and returned to the Program Agency. The following disposition codes do not need to be sent in; 003's, 005's, 006's, 007's, 008's, 010's. Also please do not include Continuation Care Reports (CCR's) and remove all staples.

Complete the Midstate PCR Report form (enclosed) and include this with your PCR's. The form is available at Resource, when you pick up PCR's, on our website, or by fax. Remember we are only checking data points. Good documentation is good patient care and helpful in limiting your liability. In court if you didn't document it you didn't do it.

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For the Providers of the
Midstate EMS Region

REMSCO on the Web!

On July 24 the Midstate Region became one of the first Regions in New York to web-cast a full meeting. Under Governor Spitzer's Executive Order # 3 the REMSCO and REMAC meetings in New York must be available on the web. Currently our meetings are recorded, forwarded to a contractor who adds the captioning and then posts the meeting on the web. Meetings will be available on the web for 30 days and then archived at the EMS Office. The meeting can be viewed by visiting the midstateems.org and clicking on *meeting video*.

Continuing Education Programs

Agencies and Providers enrolled in the Continuing Medical Education Certification Program (CME) must complete and postmark all required paperwork to the Bureau of EMS no later than **45** days before your certification expires. Agency CME Coordinators are responsible to maintain training records, and should work with you to provide the required documentation. *Your certification is your responsibility.* We have had several providers submit incomplete and late paperwork and consequently lost their certification.

New Graduates

Faxton St. Luke's EMS Course Sponsorship is proud to announce the addition of the following new providers to our system.

- 20 CFR's
- 23 EMT-B's
- 6 AEMT-CC's
- 17 AEMT-P's

Congratulations to all

RESOURCE

- 5712 Calls
- 2603 ALS
- 184 941/955's (Involuntary MHL's)
- 154 941's transported by EMS
- 30 941's transported by Law Enforcement

REMAC NOTES

- ❖ The Treatment of Atrial Fibrillation and Atrial Flutter in the Midstate Region has been updated to include amiodarone when cardizem is unavailable. The Midstate REMAC has approved the administration of 150mg amiodarone slow IV push when cardizem is unavailable. This treatment protocol requires ON-LINE MEDICAL CONTROL and can be used by both Critical Care Technicians and Paramedics.
- ❖ The use of a dual lumen airway when endotracheal intubation is not successful was reviewed. A presentation using the "king tube" was demonstrated and found to be an appropriate dual lumen airway. This device has a longer expiration date than the airways currently in use by many Agencies.
- ❖ A new product *QuikClot* is currently under review for use in the Region, trial samples were distributed at county EMS meetings in June with directions for use and follow up use instructions. The REMAC will consider the use of this product at the October meeting. If you had the opportunity to use the trial sample please send or call us with an evaluation

EMS MANAGERS AND OFFICERS FORUM

The recruitment of new and the retention of our current EMS providers, Running an EMS Organization in New York State, Infection Control in our day to day operations are only a few of the topics that will be presented at the 1st annual EMS Managers Forum on Friday Oct. 5. The evening is designed to assist EMS leaders in meeting the ever changing demands of the EMS System. Presenters will include Mr. Richard Hoke a successful Agency Operator, REMSCO Chair, and County Coordinator, Mr. Gene Jarosz Infection Control Officer at Faxton St. Luke's Healthcare and former EMT, and Ms. Lee Burns Associate Director of Operations NYS DOH BEMS. Registration and payment received before Sept 1st is \$20 after that the cost is \$25. Registration fees include program materials and dinner. The program will kick off at 5:00 and conclude with a participant round table discussion at 9:30. To register contact Chris @ 624-4533 or @ chris@midstateems.org



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