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SUBJECT: Diltiazem package in the ADD-Vantage® system

TO: New Hampshire EMS Providers, EMS Unit Leaders, Medical Directors and EMS Hospital Coordinators

FROM: The NH Bureau of EMS, NH Medical Control Board and NH Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Coordinating Board

Please be advised that on July 17, 2008 the Medical Control Board unanimously voted that diltiazem packaged in the ADD-Vantage® system may be drawn up and administered via IV push per NH protocol.

The restrictive labeling, “not for bolus,” is in place only because this product is not sold with a medication port to draw up the medication for IV push administration. The diltiazem in question itself is safe to give via IV push when mixed as directed. (Of course it would have to be drawn up using an appropriate device beyond what is provided in the ADD-Vantage® system.)

For more detail see the July 17, 2008 Medical Control Board Minutes at:
<http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/fstems/ems/boards/medicalcontrol/documents/mcdminutes7182008.pdf>

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