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SUBJECT: 2009 NH Patient Care Protocol Changes

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 May 21, 2009 the Medical Control Board unanimously voted to make the following changes to the NH Patient Care Protocols:

Pain Protocol 2.10 Paramedic Adult Standing Orders:

Strike the "OR" in the case of ketorolac and nitronox so the paramedic may now choose either morphine or fentanyl but not both opiates, and nitronox may be used only if the patient has not already received an opiate.

Tachycardia Protocol 3.1 Paramedic Adult Standing Orders under Atrial Fibrillation, Atrial Flutter:

Added after the diltiazem bullet, "metoprolol 5 mg over 2 – 5 minutes; may repeat every five minutes to a maximum of 15 mg as needed to achieve a ventricular rate of 90-100,"

Cricothyrotomy Protocol 5.6:

Change the type of device to read "age appropriate commercial device."

Please read the details of the May 21, 2009 minutes at:

<http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/fstems/ems/boards/medicalcontrol/documents/090521.pdf>

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