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30	Requirements for EZ – IO needles			October 19, 2015
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Our current required equipment rules went into effect in 2010 and since that time the EZ-IO has become the most common device carried by EMS Units in NH. All three sizes of EZ-IO needles have become the most common sizes maintained on the transport vehicles as observed by our inspectors, but rules do not require three sizes.

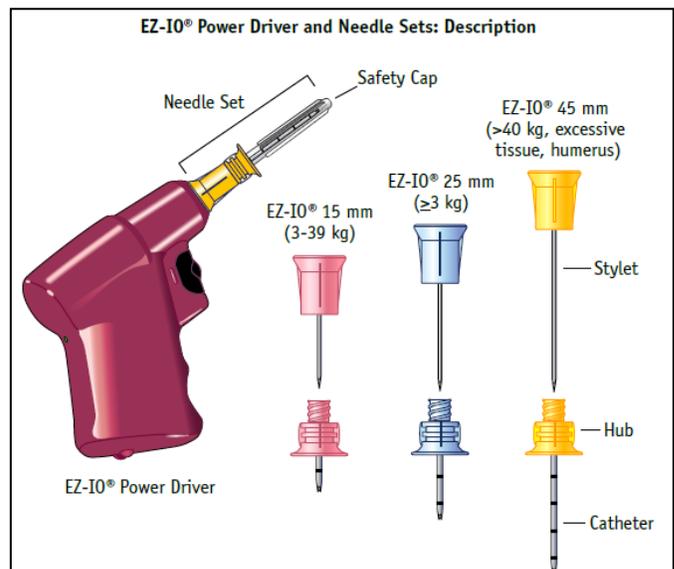
We know each sized needle has the same gauge (15g), replacement needles are expensive and pediatric patients can appropriately be treated with the blue needle, *it is therefore acceptable to carry only the blue and yellow needles with the EZ-IO device.* You may still carry the pink needle if you choose.

As you can see the pink pediatric range is also covered with the blue adult range therefore making them interchangeable. The differences are in the length of the three needles.

The requirement of “2 sets” still will remain in place, and the Unit should maintain the longest yellow bariatric needle for the larger patients.

Reminder: The AEMT is the only other Provider level that is allowed by protocol (6.1) to use a “commercial” IO infusion device on pediatric patients (EMT-I level providers do not have this permission with in their scope of practice)

For more information please see our administrative rules regarding intraosseous needles (Saf-C 5904.08 (f) (3) for the Paramedic level ambulance) “At minimum, 2 sets of intraosseous needles with the syringes in the following sizes: a. Adult, and b. Pediatric.”



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