




Advisory 24-01 Protocol Updates

To: All Fire and EMS Agencies

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NYS DOH BEMSAT has released updated NYS BLS and Collaborative Protocols. Each comes with a change log which outlines the specific changes made to the protocols. They can be found at:

[BLS Statewide Protocols](#)

[BLS Protocol Change Log](#)

[ALS Collaborative Protocols](#)

[ALS Protocol Change Log](#)

For purposes of regional Quality Improvement and patient safety activities, the updated protocols may be used immediately and are expected to be applied to all patients no later than July 1, 2024.

Handtevy

The Handtevy app will be updated over the coming weeks to reflect the updated protocols and the updated medication dosages (where applicable). It is important that Handtevy users regularly open their Handtevy app to accept updates during this time.

Training Resources

Providers and Training Officers are referred to the following resources related to these protocol updates.

Protocol Update Overview

An overview of significant protocol changes for each level of certification is available for use. Although not required by the region, agencies are strongly encouraged to establish a process by which their members are updated on relevant protocol changes specific to the scope of practice and optional medications afforded to paramedic practice that the agency may choose to use.

[BLS Protocol Update Review](#)

[ALS Protocol Update Review](#)

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Advanced Directives/DNR/MOLST

[Policy Statement 23-12: Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment \(MOLST\) Form](#)

Vital Signs Academy (Collaboration): <https://collaboration.net/course/61309>. (If you do not already have an account you will be asked to create one but the training is free, if you need to set up an account, use this link: <https://collaboration.net/login/nyems>).

Prodigy: <https://link.prodigyems.com/nymolst> (If you do not already have an account you will be asked to create one but the training is free).

Acetaminophen

For agencies choosing to implement IV acetaminophen, a training has been created regarding considerations for use.

[Acetaminophen Training](#)

Hospice Care

Training regarding the Hospice protocol will be forthcoming and shared once available.

Optional Medications and Formulary

The use of any of the following medications identified as “optional” in the Collaborative ALS protocols requires a request to the Regional Medical Director (as delegated by the REMAC) to approve the agency’s use prior to procuring and deploying: Acetaminophen (IV formulation), Buprenorphine/Naloxone, Cefazolin, Haloperidol, Moxifloxacin, Nitroglycerin (IV formulation), Nitrous Oxide, Oxymetazoline, Tetracaine, Tranexamic Acid.

The use of any medication identified as “REMAC Alternative” requires a request to the Regional Medical Director (as delegated by the REMAC) prior to procuring and deploying the medication with the exceptions of Duo-neb (Albuterol/Atrovent combination) or levalbuterol.

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