



To: All Monroe-Livingston Region Agencies

Advisory 08-03

From: Office of Prehospital Care

Date: February 29, 2008

Re: AtroPen Auto-Injector

The New York State Department of Health, Bureau of EMS, is distributing atropine auto-injectors (Atro-Pens) to transporting EMS agencies for the treatment of intentional or accidental nerve agent or organophosphate insecticide exposure.

As agencies receive these auto-injectors, they should fill out the paperwork given to them by the State. Keep one copy at the agency, send one copy to your agency medical director, and one copy to OPC.

The NYS DOH Bureau of EMS has advised that existing policies address how and when to use these auto-injectors. These are referenced here and attached to this memorandum for your convenience:

NYS DOH policy 05-01 – Idling of Emergency Vehicles

NYS DOH policy 03-05 – Mark I Kits

NYS DOH policy 00-15 – Storage and Integrity of Prehospital Medications by EMT-Bs

All distribution and training concerns should be directed to the State or your County EMS Coordinator.

Monroe County agencies were initially distributed these devices on February 26th, and are available from the Monroe County EMS Office for agencies that were not aware of or unable to attend the meeting.

Livingston County agencies will be receiving their devices at a later date.

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