RECOMMENDATION FOR CONSIDERATION

Board Meeting Date: March 21, 2012
Subject: Changes to list of Approved Drugs for ALS Ambulance Services: Removal of Heparin Flush
VTR#: 0312-04 Committee/Task Force: Medical Advisory Committee
☐ Recommended Goal ☑ Recommended Policy Change ☐ Other:

Recommendation:
The Department of Health should remove Heparin Flush from the list of Approved Drugs for ALS Ambulance Services.

Rationale [Background]:
This medication is typically used to ensure the patency of intravenous lines in which a continuous flow of fluid is not maintained, e.g. Locks, PRN adapters, etc.

Medical Review [Concerns]:
Upon reviewing the current list of approved ALS drugs, the MAC has determined that the routine use Heparin Flush has been replaced by a flush containing normal saline.

Fiscal Concerns:
N/A

Educational Concerns:
N/A

Plan of Implementation:
Upon acceptance of this recommendation, the Department of Health should:
1. Serve notice in the PA Bulletin, as part of the 2012 update of Approved Medications for ALS Ambulance Services, to remove Heparin Flush.

The PEHSC Committee/Task Force offers consultation to the Department in regard to the content of this Vote to Recommend (VTR) and its attached documents. The PEHSC Committee/Task Force specifically offers staff or member support to participate in Department deliberations regarding this recommendation in an effort to convey committee/task force discussions.
Board Meeting Comments/Concerns:
No comments or concerns expressed.

Signed: [Signature]
President

Date 4/2/12

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Accept: _____ Table: _____ Modify: _____ Reject: _____

Comments:

Date of Department Response: ______________