



RECOMMENDATION FOR CONSIDERATION

Board Meeting Date: December 4, 2019

Subject: Amendments to Critical Care Transport Scope of Practice and Medication List

VTR#: 1219-03

Committee/Task Force: Critical Care Transport Task Force

Recommended Goal

Recommended Policy Change

Other:

Recommendation:

The Department of Health should make the following changes to the critical care transport scope of practice and medication list.

Rationale [Background]:

Approved CCT Medication List:

Add:	Levetiracetam (Kepra)	Add Footnote #4*
Change:	Norepinephrine Phenylephrine	Add Footnote #4 Add Footnote #4

* Footnote #4 permits the monitoring of medications by a credentialed, expanded scope paramedic outside of the presence of a PHRN or higher when functioning on a licensed critical care ground ambulance.

Ground Critical Care Transport Scope of Practice

Remove:	"Chest tube thorocostomy, monitoring after acute Insertion"	This is a redundant statement and is covered in the line above which states, "Chest tube thorocostomy, monitoring of existing tube in a closed system, e.g. water seal or suction"
Add:	"Ventilators, transport – used in multimodal settings, blended gas transport ventilator on patients ventilated <48 hours or anticipated need to actively titrate ventilator settings"	Add Footnote # 2** This statement appears in the air ambulance scope of practice document, however it appears to have been unintentionally omitted from the ground CCT transport scope of practice.

** Footnote #2 permits the monitoring/initiation of a therapy by a credentialed, expanded scope paramedic in the presence of a PHRN or higher when functioning on a licensed critical care ground ambulance.

Medical Review [Concerns]:

Reviewed by the PEHSC MAC, who concurred with recommendations of the Critical Care Transport Task Force.

Fiscal Concerns:

n/a

Educational Concerns:

Any needed education will be provided by or at the direction of the critical care ground transport agency medical director.

Plan of Implementation:

The Department should publish the recommended changes with the next scheduled document update in the Pennsylvania Bulletin and consider publishing an RC Memo and/or EMS Information Bulletin highlighting these and any other changes to the medication and scope of practice list(s).

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:

Signed: David Jones
President

Date 12-4-19

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Accept: ___ Table: ___ Modify: ___ Reject: ___

Comments:

Date of Department Response: _____