



**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Upon reviewing the current list of approved ALS drugs, the MAC has determined that the routine use Heparin Flush has been replaced by a flush containing normal saline.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: J.K. Henry  
President

Date 4/2/12

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