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FROM: Lewis Marshall, MD, JD
REMAC Chairman

RE: NYC REMAC Public Notice of Protocol Revisions

Please find attached the Public Notice for the following NYC REMAC Protocols:

The following General Operating Procedures (GOPs) were reviewed and revised:

➤ **Transportation Procedures and Decisions: Major Burns**

Purpose:

In order to operationalize the NYC Burn Disaster Plan, REMAC has modified the General Operating Procedures for Major Burn Patients in a Burn MCI. This will allow prehospital providers to transport patients to one of the 30 Burn Disaster Receiving Hospitals (BDRH) and for NYC Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to operationalize the City Burn Plan.

These Burn Disaster Receiving Hospitals have the equipment and staff to provide initial burn care in a Burn Disaster for up to ten seriously burned patients and are an essential part of the organized system for initial management and organized transport to designated burn centers when beds are made available. The current REMAC operation plan requires that patients with major burns, other than those with the listed exclusions be taken to one of the 911 System Burn Centers which in a large scale burn event would overwhelm their capacity and capability to triage and treat these patients. **It is expected that the full scale NYC Burn Disaster Plan would be implemented when it is anticipated that there would be more than 75 patients who may meet the criteria for Burn Center management.** The initial field decision to include the Burn Disaster Receiving Hospitals as destinations for major burn patients may be made by the incident commander or FDNY OMA Physicians based on anticipated numbers, location and transportation factors.

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Draft revised GOPs can be reviewed on line at: www.nycremsco.org (under "News and Announcements")

All current NYC REMAC Protocols can be accessed in their entirety at www.nycremsco.org.

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New language is BOLD BLUE AND UNDERLINED --- NEW

All comments must be submitted in writing no later than **November 14, 2008** on the attached 'Comment Form'. If available, please attach all appropriate supporting documentation.

Thank you.



NYC REMAC

PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSED REVISIONS PREHOSPITAL TREATMENT PROTOCOLS

The Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) of New York City Prehospital Treatment Protocols define the minimum standard of care provided to patients by Certified First Responders (CFRs), Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs), and Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians-Paramedic (AEMT-Ps) in New York City. These protocols reflect both the curriculum and certification requirements of the New York State Department of Health Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and the Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) of New York City.

The REMAC of New York City has proposed revisions to the current regional Prehospital Treatment Protocols.

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In order to meet regional needs, the REMAC of New York City is conducting a public notice and is requesting comments from the Emergency Medical community. Comments must be submitted in writing on the attached 'Comment Form'. If available, appropriate supporting documentation should also be attached. **Comments must be received no later than November 14, 2008.**

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DATED: New York, New York
October 15, 2008


Marie Diglio, EMTP

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PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT pursuant to Section 3004-A of Article 30 of the Public Health Law of the State of New York, the Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) of New York City is responsible to develop prehospital triage, treatment, and transportation protocols that are consistent with the standards of the State Emergency Medical Advisory Committee and that address specific local conditions with regards to the provision of prehospital medical care rendered by NYS Department of Health certified First Responders, Emergency Medical Technicians and Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians within the City of New York.

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TRANSPORTATION PROCEDURES AND DECISIONS

Major Burns

If the mechanism of illness/injury and/or historical/physical findings indicate major burns, transport the patient to the nearest New York City 911 System Burn Center (see Appendix G), unless one of the following conditions is met:

The patient also has major trauma;

The patient is in cardiac arrest;

The patient has an unmanageable airway;

An on-line medical control physician so directs.

The event is declared a burn MCI by FDNY-EMS, NYCOEM, NYSDOH, or NYCDOHMH in which case patients may be transported to New York City Burn Disaster Receiving Hospitals (BDRH) as per NYC Burn Disaster Plan (Refer to Appendix S)

NOTE: PATIENTS WITH MAJOR BURNS AND MAJOR TRAUMA MUST BE TAKEN TO THE NEAREST NEW YORK CITY 911 SYSTEM TRAUMA CENTER.

PATIENTS IN CARDIAC ARREST OR WITH UNMANAGEABLE AIRWAYS MUST BE TAKEN TO THE NEAREST NEW YORK CITY 911 SYSTEM AMBULANCE DESTINATION EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT.

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Appendix S

Current List of New York City Burn Disaster Receiving Hospital (BDRH) Locations and Tier

Name of Hospital	BDRH Tier
Jacobi Medical Center	1
Harlem Hospital Center	1
New York Presbyterian/Weill Cornell	1
Staten Island University Hospital (North)	1
Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center	2
St. Barnabas Hospital	2
Brookdale University Hospital Medical Center	2
Kings County Hospital	2
Lutheran Medical Center	2
Bellevue Hospital Center	2
New York Presbyterian/Children's Hospital	2
St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital Center	2
St. Vincent Hospital Manhattan	2
Elmhurst Hospital Center	2
Jamaica Hospital Medical Center	2
Mary Immaculate Hospital	2
New York Hospital Queens	2
Richmond University Medical Center	2
Montefiore Medical Center	3
North Central Bronx Hospital	3
Coney Island Hospital	3
Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center	3
Maimonides Medical Center	3
Wyckoff Heights Medical Center	3
Metropolitan Hospital Center	3
Mount Sinai Medical Center	3
NYP/Columbia	3
NYU Hospitals Center	3
Flushing Hospital Medical Center	3
Forest Hills Hospital	3

