EMS Hot Topics: Rumors and Truths

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Outline

- NYS EMS: structure and regulation
- Rumors
- Truths
NYS EMS

• NYS DOH, BEMS, BEMSAT
• SEMSCO, SEMAC, EMSC, STAC
• REMSCO, REMAC
Backboards

• Rumor: Don’t update by 10/30/15 and DOH will pull your card

• Truth: Silly. 34K did, 14K still working on it as of December 2015
CCT

• Rumor: Bye bye, CCT program

• Truth: Yes, no, maybe (reality…)
Statewide ALS Protocol

• Rumor: NYS will adopt a Statewide ALS Protocol set

• Truth: By default, it’s happening
EMTs: CPAP & 12-leads

- Rumor: CPAP and 12-leads are EMT skills

- Truth: Whoa! Regional option only.
Throw away those epi-pens

• Rumor: No need to waste all your $ on epi-pens…

Check & Inject NY
Syringe Epinephrine Kit for BLS Providers

• Truth: “Check & Inject NY” is a demonstration project. However 10-01 ≠ 800.24 (hello, DOH?)
Failure Rates Increasing

• Rumor: The written exams are harder

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• Truth: Uh, seems not.
NREMT

• Rumor: National Registry is coming

• Truth: Not in the immediate future, but don’t rule it out…
  – 2015 NYS cost $213,125
  – Registry $ 1,385,020
Paramedic Courses

• Rumor: You can take the paramedic course totally on-line

• Truth: Only if you don’t want a NYS card (must be 50% classroom)
No more CLI/CIC exams

- Rumor: CLI/CIC required 85 on the NYS written is eliminated

- Truth: Yup, but now there are instructor exams (May 2016)
Narcan®

- Rumor: anyone can give Narcan

- Truth: needs REMAC approval – the cops do it under a different law
EMT cards take 2 months

- Rumor: Exam scores take about 6-8 weeks.
- Truth: Lean project now = 13 days
Agency Verification Forms

• Rumor: You can get a neighboring agency to sign your verification form

• Truth: Probably not a smart idea
Flu Vaccines

• Rumor: Flu vaccines will be required for all EMS providers

• Truth: probably
Ebola is over

• Rumor: No need to worry about Ebola preparedness/response any more

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TO: General Hospitals, Diagnostic and Treatment Centers, Off-Campus Emergency Departments, Ambulance and Advanced Life Support First Responder Services and Local Health Departments (LHDs)

FROM: New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH)

HEALTH ADVISORY: UPDATE TO COMMISSIONER’S ORDER OF OCTOBER 16, 2014 REGARDING EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE (EVD)

For healthcare facilities, please distribute immediately to the Infection Control Department, Emergency Department, Infectious Disease Department, Director of Nursing, Medical Director, Director of Pharmacy, Laboratory Service, and all Patient care areas.

Summary: The purpose of this Health Advisory is to provide guidance to healthcare facilities and ambulance services regarding the patient registration, training and drilling requirements outlined in the Commissioner’s Order of October 16, 2014 regarding Ebola Virus Disease (EVD).

• Truth: Nothing could be further from the truth
Ebola Requirements 2016

- PPE donning and doffing training on hire and at least every 12 months thereafter.
- Must include actual donning and doffing observed by qualified trainers.
- The service may limit number of personnel trained, as long as adequate coverage is available at all times and all locations.
- A plan must to be in place to implement Just in Time (JIT) training should the Commissioner of Health determine there is an increased threat of encountering a patient with EVD.
• Rumor: Place a TQ “high and tight”

• Truth: Hey: we never said/meant that! Put ‘em 3” above the wound unless the scene is unstable or you can’t fully assess the extremity
Controlled Substances

• Rumor: all ALS services need to carry controlled substances by May 2015 in order to remain ALS

• Truth: Not exactly. The original policy was illegal. 800.5 requires CS as of 7/2016 (all CC/P services). Enforcement in 2017?
Community Paramedics

- Rumor: If you’re not moving toward a community medic program, you should be...
- Truth: they are illegal at present
Thanks for coming!

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