

To: All WREMAC hospitals, REMSCO's, County EMS Coordinators, EMS Agencies & Providers

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RE: Collaborative Protocol Education Rollout

As you are aware, the WREMAC has decided to adopt the NYS Collaborative Protocols. These protocols represent evidence based best practices and were developed by physicians, EMS providers, EMS educators, and program agencies from across NYS. The Collaborative Protocols will replace the WREMAC protocols and will affect both BLS and ALS providers. The WREMAC will be joining all regions across the state with the exception of New York City and Long Island in utilizing these protocols.

The “go-live” date for implementing these protocols in the WREMAC will be July 1, 2017. Agencies whose providers have all completed the required education outlined below may choose to implement the protocols sooner with approval of their medical director. As these protocols will affect both BLS and ALS providers and go beyond the NYS BLS protocols, providers at all levels of care will be required to complete the educational modules outlined below by this date or they will be considered “off-line”.

There is a free smartphone protocol app for both apple and android platforms that can be found by searching for “NYS Collaborative EMS” in the app store on your phone. In addition to the required educational modules, there is a comprehensive set of optional educational material developed by the Collaborative group including podcasts and simulation videos that we encourage all providers to utilize for more in depth lessons. These optional resources are attached as well.

The Monroe Livingston Regional EMS Council (MLREMS) has developed online educational updates that the WREMAC will be utilizing for the Collaborative Protocol rollout. In contrast to what is discussed regarding the MLREMS region in the educational modules, the WREMAC will be utilizing BLS 12 lead EKG acquisition and BLS CPAP as optional skills for an agency. The login instructions for these modules can be found in the attached “Cypherworx Instruction Manual”. Be sure to use your correct region (REMSCO) when signing up. BLS and ALS modules are available now. The AEMT module will be available no later than May 1, 2017.

Each agency is responsible to track and ensure all providers have completed the required modules by July 1, 2017. Additionally, agencies are required to submit verification of completion for all ALS providers to their respective program agencies. Some individual agencies or program agencies may require BLS providers to submit certificates of completion as well at their discretion. After completing the modules you will receive CME credit. Be sure to print your certificates after completing the modules to claim CME credit and to submit to your program agency as required.

Required Educational Modules:

BLS Providers	Collaborative Protocol Update – BLS (40 mins) BLS Collaborative Protocol Exam (20 mins) Collaborative Protocol Update - Patella Dislocation (30 mins)
AEMT Providers	Collaborative Protocol Update – BLS (40 mins) BLS Collaborative Protocol Exam (20 mins) Collaborative Protocol Update - Patella Dislocation (30 mins) Collaborative Protocol Update – AEMT (25 mins) AEMT Collaborative Protocol Exam (20 mins)
Critical Care & Paramedic Providers	Collaborative Protocol Update – ALS (60 mins) ALS Collaborative Protocol Exam (30 mins) Collaborative Protocol Update - Patella Dislocation (30 mins) *Ketamine (Optional by individual agency) (30 mins)

The protocol tests above are designed to be open book and will require providers to read the protocol before answering. Providers who do not achieve a passing score on the exam will be required to retake an exam. Any provider who fails all 3 exams at a given level will be required to meet with their agency medical director for remediation and will need written authorization before they will be allowed to retest again.

A list of attachments is included below summarizing additional resources related to the Collaborative Protocol rollout:

- Cypherworx Instruction Manual (to register for required educational modules)
- WREMAC Optional Collaborative Education Resources
- WREMAC Collaborative Protocol Formulary
- WREMAC vs Collaborative Protocols 2017 (Spreadsheet summarizing major changes in the protocols)

