

Micro Dot Glucose Meters – need to know information about the [new glucose] meters:

Each agency got one fully loaded meter pouch to use for teaching. The rest came from the company stocked with the only thing they promised to provide for free, which was the pouch, meter, cleaning case and one-minute timer.

Get the strips for all of your units from your assigned System hospital. They should come 50 strips/container.

Continue to use the lancets and one-minute disinfecting wipes you have been using (move over from current inventories)

Each agency must purchase the high/low testing solutions. Contact information is on the Drug and Supply List posted to the website under the System Standards of Practice tab.

Each EMS practitioner must be educated and demonstrate competency on the calibration testing, use, and troubleshooting of these new meters. Verification of competency must be documented on the System skill sheet. These forms are to be completed with the legible name of the EMS practitioner and signature of the Peer Educator who completed the education and competency measurement. Once completed, the forms may be scanned and saved electronically at your agency. Your assigned hospital EMSC may ask to have copies of the forms forwarded to them for the individual's EMS file, or may ask to see them when they are out next at an in-station class.

PEMSCs must confirm to me by e-mail that your education/competency measurements are complete.

Deadline for education, competency measurement, and go-live extended to Sept. 1, 2018 so everyone can easily comply.

However, you can begin using the new meters as soon as everyone currently on active EMS duty at your agency has been signed off on the competency sheets, the meter pouches are fully stocked, and you've started completing the daily calibration testing and filling out the confirmation logs.

Exception to daily testing: If you have a vehicle that is reserve or extra meters being held in reserve and the new meters will be used very seldom: Seal up the meter, unopened testing solution bottles, and unopened strips into an airtight, clear container or bag. Make sure expiration dates of solutions and strips are clearly viewable or marked on outside of bag/container. This unit does not need daily testing until either the testing solution bottles or strips have been opened.

If you have any additional questions about our go-live of these units, please let Connie Mattera know!