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**System Memo # 314
Please POST**

to: All Paramedics

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re: CPAP Educational SOP Alert

Changes to the Oxy-PEEP® CPAP masks have been made by the manufacturer that impacts our care.

1. The minimum PEEP setting is 5; thus, you cannot begin PEEP at 0.
2. The connections have been glued together; thus, an in-line nebulizer treatment cannot be given.

“ASTHMA/COPD SEVERE Distress” SOP Implications: CPAP currently listed in step #2, should be moved to after Albuterol & Ipratropium, and a repeat albuterol, have been administered.

The good news is - the face mask is more flexible, and conforms to the face better; thus, we should achieve a tighter face-mask seal.

You can recognize these new devices by the face mask which now has a green tint (previously white).

We will study the impact of these changes on our patient care to determine if we need to make further changes to our SOP or CPAP device.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us.