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**System Memo: #381**

To: All System members  
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**Please POST IMMEDIATELY**

RE: **General ResQPod shortage & backorders**

**URGENT INFO to SHARE IMMEDIATELY!**

<b>Situation</b>	<p>ResQPods are experiencing a widespread shortage that is expected to last until the end of January 2020. Most hospitals in the Region are either completely or nearly out of stock.</p> <p>We are not substituting the Zoll Medical ResQPod ITD 16 as it requires the simultaneous use of the ResQPUMP ACD-CPR Device.</p> <p>Using the RQP 16 alone is considered an “off-label” use and we prefer not to take that risk.</p>
<b>ACTION NEEDED NOW</b>	<p>Please shift stock of ResQPods from reserve or NT vehicles to front line ambulances/squads if hospitals are unable to provide restock units.</p> <p>Do not use expired units.</p> <p><b><u>Agencies involved in HEADS UP CPR TRIAL:</u></b></p> <p><b>If NO RQP is available:</b> Temporarily suspend the head-up resuscitation protocol as we do not want to confound the outcome data collected by the trial.</p>
<b>Practice changes during shortage</b>	<p>If no ResQPod is available, resuscitate using usual and customary SOPs and procedures.</p> <p>Note in the ePCR narrative that a ResQPod was not available due to shortage.</p>

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