



Date: March 01, 2025 **System Memo: #437**

To: All System members and NCH EMS students

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RE: **Updated Guidelines for Amiodarone Shortage, T-2 Transport Destination Policy, SOP Discussion Sessions Announcement**

### Amiodarone Shortage Background

Recently some hospital systems are beginning to experience shortages with Amiodarone 150mg/3mL vials. **An alternative is available for substitution at Endeavor NCH.**

### EMS Guidelines

Approved substitution will be the **Amiodarone 50mg/mL, 9mL vial (450mg/9mL).**

- If 1 vial used on a run, replete with a 9mL and return remaining 2 vials.
- Should maintain 3mL vials until date of expiration. (No extension to date).
- **For expired medication;** Directly with Pharmacy, remove the 1 x 9mL vial and return the unused 3 x 3mL vials.
- Please follow up with Colin Finlay [cfinlay@nch.org](mailto:cfinlay@nch.org) with further questions or instruction.

**Those replenishing at our associate hospitals, please follow up with their current contingencies with regard to this issue.**

### Update to T-2 Transport Destination Policy Background

NCH and ALGH EMS Systems have had a long-standing agreement with each other regarding transportation guidelines for our trauma patients. Currently NCH EMS System providers were allowed to contact them directly. Recently ALGH has expressed that they would like **not to** continue this service and have asked our system providers to contact their nearest system hospital for **all** OLMC.

### EMS Guidelines

#### D. **Preexisting transport patterns have been established**

1. **Trauma:** Trauma pts should be taken directly to the TC most appropriately equipped and staffed to handle their injuries, as defined by the Region's Trauma Triage Criteria (SOPs). EMS should bypass facilities not designated as appropriate destinations, even if those facilities are closest to the incident (ACS-COT, 2022). See SOP appendix for listing of all TCs in Regions 8, 9, & 10.  
**If the pt meets criteria for transport to ALGH (Level I), contact them directly. If transporting to another Level I TC, call the nearest System Resource or Associate hospital for OLMC. The System hospital shall call report to the receiving hospital.**
2. **Stroke Centers:** Follow SOP for transport to Comprehensive or Primary SC.
3. **STEMI centers:** Follow SOP for transport to STEMI centers.

### SOP Discussion Sessions Announcement

The **NWCEMS system is offering 2 sessions for members** to come in to a **live** meeting and be a part of the discussion for upcoming SOP changes, revisions, suggestions.

- When: **Wednesday March 12th at 11am, and April 2nd 11 am**
- Where: the 901 Building EMS Conference Room.

**Thank you for your partnership in keeping our patients, communities,  
and each other safe.**