



MEDICAL CONTROL POLICY STATEMENT/ADVISORY

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Solu-Cortef Found in EMS Drug Boxes

ALL SVMCA PROVIDERS:

Recently, there have been two cases where field personnel in the SVMCA were going to administer Solu-Medrol 125mg IVP but found a vial of Solu-Cortef 100mg in their box instead. We believe we know where the incorrect medication came from but, as always, want to remind everyone to read your labels before giving any medication. The size and shape of the vials are quite similar and can easily be mistaken:



Although Solu-Medrol and Solu-Cortef are sometimes used in other areas interchangeably, it is worth noting that the drugs are chemically different. Solu-Medrol contains prednisone while Solu-Cortef is cortisone. Both are steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs but differ slightly in dosage, mechanism of action, and their ability to treat swelling versus inflammation.

If you find a vial of Solu-Cortef in your EMS box, please notify the pharmacy immediately after your call so it may be properly stocked. If you are in need of Solu-Medrol on a call (Asthma, Anaphylaxis, etc.) and find Solu-Cortef in your box, contact the Medical Director for an order before administering.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric Snidersich'.

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