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FROM: Saginaw Valley Medical Control Authority
Office of the Medical Director

SUBJECT: Medication Box & IV Start Kit Recertification – June 26th, 2009

On June 26th, 2009 the Saginaw Valley Medical Control Authority will be switching from a two box (medication & IV) system to a single box system. All metal Kennedy medication & IV boxes will be replaced with the Plano 747 medication box. There are many distinct advantages to this change. Here are a few:

1. The box provides for a 3 pound weight savings over the old Kennedy med box.
2. There is a specific space for each medication to allow for providers and pharmacy personnel to easily find, use and replace each medication.
3. The plastic box is easier to identify and clean any contaminants to lessen the likelihood of exposing individuals to unwanted pathogens.

Additionally, there will be some other changes to the medications and supplies carried in the drug box:

1. Liter bags of saline will be carried separate from the box. Each hospital, in their EMS area, will maintain saline solution for replacement. These bags will not need to be signed out but providers shall include the amount needed and used when filling out the drug box form.
2. Glucagon 1mg will be added for diabetic emergencies. A protocol for Glucagon's use is already in existence and providers need to review it before using the medication in the field. Glucagon is also indicated in β -blocker overdose but can only be used for that purpose POST RADIO CONTACT.
3. Fentanyl will be added to the narcotic bag. Currently there is no protocol or standing orders for this medication. For now, until the protocol can be enacted, use of Fentanyl will be POST RADIO CONTACT after order from on-line medical control.
4. An additional Ondansetron (Zofran) will be placed in the box.
5. Two additional vials of Adenosine will be added to allow for three full cycles of administration (6mg, 12mg, & 12mg).

The IV start kit will also have one change: Two 22ga. IV catheters will now be included in the bag.

Please take some time to familiarize yourself with the new medications and box. As always, you can call us with any questions or concerns.