

Central East Prehospital Care Program

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Northumberland EMS paramedics

FROM: Dr R. Vandersluis
Chair, Medical Advisory Committee CEPCP

DATE: 2011 11 21

RE: Medical Directive implementation

All current full time and primary part time Northumberland EMS staff should have completed the fall CME for 2011 in which we have focused on the implementation of the new Provincial medical directives.

Effective Monday Nov 28th, 2011, with the start of day shift, the new medical directives will “Go Live”.

For staff that have not attended our fall CME, when the service goes live with the directives, PCPs will be restricted to using the directives released in 2008 and updated in April 2010 and ACPs, while using the same 2008 directives, will receive a package that must be completed and returned to enable them to utilize Morphine. We know that this may cause some confusion on scene, but trust that the best available patient care will be provided. As a follow up to the discussions that took place at CME, we have inserted a total of seven (7) directive addendums to the PCP document and eleven (11) to the ACP document. These addendums have been placed within the document following the directive they relate to. You can find exactly where they are located by referring to our added table of contents at the beginning of each Appendix.

A hard copy of the approved Provincial medical directives with CEPCP addendums has been delivered to your primary service and electronic copies are available on our website. Also on the website is an FAQ document addressing the issues raised at CME. Please check the website frequently as we will continue to update the FAQs as additional questions come in. We are also in the process of creating a pocket reference that we hope to have available in the coming weeks.

Please contact our office should you have additional questions or concerns.