

Connecticut EMS Advisory Board

John Quinlavin, Chairperson

December 20, 2005

J. Robert Galvin, M.D.
Commissioner
Department of Public Health
410 Capitol Ave
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Dr. Galvin:

On behalf of the Connecticut EMS Advisory Board, I would like extend to you and your staff our appreciation for the fruitful management this past June of the issue related to the administration of aspirin and the use of glucometers by Emergency Medical Technicians at the basic level.

The Advisory Board's Medical Advisory Committee and Legislative Committees worked successfully with the OEMS, utilizing the expertise of Ms. Karen-Buckley Bates, to guide the legislature in a positive direction for the determination of the medical practice of prehospital emergency medical care in Connecticut and this work resulted in section 5 of Public Act 05-259.

Your letter of July 11, 2005 to the various Emergency Department Chairmen has served well to move along the process of introducing aspirin administration and glucose monitoring by EMT-Basics. This letter included a pre-approved curriculum for both of these modalities.

As suggested by Public Act 98-195, the Advisory Board has been developing a recommendation for you relative to these curricula. The Advisory Board's Connecticut EMS Medical Advisory Committee (CEMSMAC), the Education and Training Committee, and the Clinical Coordinators Committee have all reviewed alternatives to the aspirin curriculum enclosed with your letter. They presented their joint recommendations to the full Advisory Board for action and I am pleased to present to you the recommendation of the Board.

The Board, including CEMSMAC, feels that although the aspirin curriculum included with your July 11, 2005 letter is excellent and served an immediate and pressing need, the educational and clinical objectives can be accomplished by using the enclosed two hour curriculum from the State of Kansas rather than the five and one-half program. This shorter program will facilitate the delivery of this education and hence, the implementation of this modality, and we recommend your endorsement and approval of this program for the administration of aspirin by EMT-Basics in Connecticut.

Please feel free to contact me if we can be of further assistance.

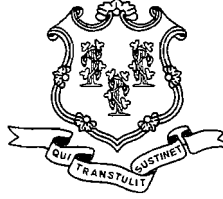
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cc: Leonard Guercia, Operations Branch Chief

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January 23, 2006

C. Steven Wolf, M.D, Chairman
Connecticut State EMS Medical Advisory Committee
114 Woodland Street
Hartford, CT 06109

Re: Aspirin Curriculum

Dear Dr. Wolf,

I am in receipt of the letter from you and Mr. Quinlavin dated December 20, 2005, regarding your suggested change to the aspirin curriculum.

After a careful review of the document and consistent with Public Act 05-259 the curriculum for education and training of EMT-Bs to utilize aspirin administration will be the two-hour "Kansas Program."

I appreciate the time and effort your committee and the Advisory Board has devoted to the improvement of Connecticut's EMS System.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert Galvin".

J. Robert Galvin, M.D., M.P.H
Commissioner

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cc: L. Guercia, Operations Branch Chief
G. Wiemokly, EMS Section Chief
✓ J. Quinlavin, Chair, EMS Advisory Board

