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Effective Date: Immediate

Re: Prehospital Therapeutic Hypothermia is in Effect

Background: Prehospital therapeutic hypothermia for cardiac arrest with ROSC is well-established practice. REMO has been approved for a demonstration project of this vital tool for our patients. For a demonstration project to be successful we must have active participation from each of the agencies involved to assure appropriate data collection.

Thus far we have seen a significant increase in meaningful survival from the ROSC patients in the Region. We need to develop a better database of cardiac arrest statistics and follow up to assure we can comply with the requirements of the Department of Health. This will also improve the medical care we are providing to the patients in the Region.

Action: Effective immediately, agencies may choose to participate in the REMO Prehospital Hypothermia Protocol. In order to participate they must agree to a series of requirements and make application to the Medical Advisory Committee. Reviewing, signing and returning the attached letter to REMO is the application process. The requirements are to assure appropriate equipment and medication for compliance with the system of case review, the protocols, as well as appropriate education of the providers.

Attachment: Protocol
Letter for agency