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Re: **Suspension** of the implementation of "Cardiac Arrest Standard of Care during the COVID-19 Pandemic"

Distribution: All EMS Agencies, REMO Physicians

Date: April 20, 2020

Purpose: To clarify care for cardiac arrest patients

On April 17, 2020, the NYS DOH Bureau of EMS and Trauma Systems released a guidance document titled "Cardiac Arrest Standard of Care during the COVID-19 Pandemic" with instructions for immediate implementation. This guideline is for use during a Public Health Emergency. Note, there is no current EMS Public Health Emergency in the REMO Region.

This advisory suspends the implementation of the 4/17/20 issued "Cardiac Arrest Standard of Care during the COVID-19 Pandemic". This Standard may be activated by the Regional EMS Medical Director or designee, if an EMS Public Health Emergency is declared in consultation with the REMAC, EMS Agencies, and local Hospitals.

The General Cardiac Arrest and rhythm specific cardiac arrest protocols in the Collaborative Protocols should be followed. Please remember, provider discretion based on the scene and clinical circumstances always supersede a specific protocol - call a REMO physician with any questions regarding care of a specific patient and use your best clinical judgement.

Continue to follow Advisory 20-04, Cardiac Arrest Transport, and Advisory 20-05 regarding Viral Filters. Adult cardiac arrest patients should NOT be transported with CPR in progress. Every patient requiring an advanced airway should have a viral filter placed if available. NO providers should be engaged assisting with a cardiac arrest resuscitation unless equipped with PPE including: eye protection, N-95 mask, gloves and a gown.