

	<p style="text-align: center;">SOUTHERN FOX VALLEY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SYSTEM POLICY & PROCEDURES</p>				
<p>TITLE: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED DRUGS AND EQUIPMENT</p>					
<p>SECTION: GENERAL POLICIES</p>			<p>POLICY NUMBER: D-23.0</p>		
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PURPOSE:

To define the approval process for drugs and equipment not covered by the United States Department of Transportation National Standard Curriculum and ensure compliance with section 515.360 of the Illinois Department of Public Health Rules and Regulations.

POLICY:

1. When the decision is made to introduce a new drug, piece of equipment or procedure into the SFVEMS System scope of pre-hospital practice, the EMS Medical Director shall submit to the Illinois Department of Public Health documentation covering the following:
 - a. A description of the training program including the number of contact hours and any practical component
 - b. A curriculum for each new drug or piece of equipment, which includes at least the following (as applicable):
 - 1) Indications and Usage
 - 2) Complications
 - 3) Adverse Reactions
 - 4) Equipment Maintenance and Use
 - c. Copy of new treatment protocol(s)

2. Upon approval of the drug(s) or equipment the System shall submit to the Department on a quarterly basis (January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1) the following information:
 - a. Indications for use
 - b. Number of times used
 - c. Number and types of complications which occurred
 - d. Outcome of the patient after each use of the drug or equipment
 - e. Description of follow-up actions taken by the system on each case in which complications occurred

3. In the event of a death or a complication which results in a deterioration of a patient's condition involving the drug and/or equipment, the most advanced licensed EMT involved in the case will immediately contact the EMS System Coordinator or his/her designee. The EMS office will notify IDPH within three business days and a written follow up report will be submitted within ten working days.

4. The EMS Medical Director shall not approve an EMT to use new drugs or equipment unless the EMT has completed the approved educational program and demonstrated competency in its administration or use.

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