

MEDICAL ADVISORY

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Due to a shortage of atropine preloads, the RPPEO authorizes the following modification to practice under the Advanced Life Support Patient Care Standards:

In all cases where the ALS Patient Care Standards allows for the administration of 0.5 mg of atropine IV, Advanced Care Paramedics are authorized to administer 0.4 mg to 0.6 mg atropine IV, depending on the formulation stocked by their service. This special modification is in effect until further notice and will be revoked as soon as the preload shortage is resolved.