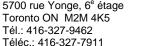
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December 23, 2016

MEMORANDUM TO: Municipal CAOs, Paramedic Service Chiefs, First Nations

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FROM: Chris Georgakopoulos

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RE: **Opioid Toxicity Medical Directives**

I am announcing the publication and release of an amendment to the Advanced Life Support Patient Care Standards (ALS PCS), version 3.3. The Opioid Toxicity Medical Directives at pages 1-39, 1-40 and 2-44, 2-45 in Version 3.3 of the ALS PCS are revoked and replaced with the attached respective Opioid Toxicity Medical Directives.

The development of this amendment was made with support from the Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs and a recommendation from the Ontario Base Hospital Group – Medical Advisory Committee.

Pursuant to clause 11(b) of O. Reg. 257/00 under the Ambulance Act each ambulance service operator and every paramedic shall ensure that patient care is provided in accordance with the ALS PCS as published by the Ministry, as that document may be amended from time to time.

This amendment comes into force as of December 23, 2016.

The table below has been updated to reflect the new version.

Please contact your local Base Hospital with any further questions regarding the administration of naloxone.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Corey Freedman, Paramedic Standards and Certification Coordinator, at (416) 326-3608 or corey.freedman@ontario.ca.

Paramedic Practice Document	In Force As Of*
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Advanced Life Support Patient Care Standards (ALS PCS)	D 1 00 0016
 Version 3.3 (including the revised Opioid Toxicity 	 December 23, 2016
Medical Directives released December 23, 2016)	
• Version 3.4	• February 1, 2017
• Version 4.0.1 (replaces Version 4.0, which has been	• July 17, 2017
amended prior to the in force date)	
• Version 4.1	• December 11, 2017
Basic Life Support Patient Care Standards (BLS PCS)	
 Version 2.0 (including amendments made through 	• Currently in force
various training bullets, e.g. Training Bulletin No. 108 -	
DNR Standard)	
STEMI Hospital Bypass Protocol (amendment made)	 February 1, 2017
through Training Bulletin No. 118 – STEMI Hospital	
Bypass Protocol)	
• Version 3.0.1 (replaces Version 3.0, which has been	• December 11, 2017
amended prior to the in force date)	
Ontario Ambulance Documentation Standards (supplemented by Ambulance Call Report	
Completion Manual - v3.0)	
• Version 2.1	Currently in force
• Version 3.0	• April 1, 2017
Prehospital CTAS Paramedic Guide	,
• Version 1.0 (CTAS Participant Package)	Currently in force
• Version 2.0	• December 31, 2016
Provincial Equipment Standards for Ontario Ambulance Services (Equipment Standards)	
• Version 2.3	• Currently in force
• Version 3.0	• July 17, 2017
• Version 3.1	• December 11, 2017
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^{*}once a new version of a standard comes into force, it replaces the existing in force version.

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Enclosures