

EMS Update

September 2023

EKG Transmission Changes for all Memorial Health Locations

Memorial Health (MH) will be moving to Twiage for both EMS reporting and EKG submissions. For providers using Zoll Monitors, a case number will imbed the EKG into the Twiage report. For providers utilizing Physio Control monitors, they will need to print the EKG then take a picture of the EKG, with Twiage. This does not require that EMS utilize Twiage only for their report, you can always call the MICU line for report if needed. These processes will connect the EKG to the Twiage case, helping the selected Emergency Department see your real time eta. All crews are reminded that early EKG submission helps to activate outside teams and/or identify the most appropriate destination. The Zoll rep for our area has been very helpful with any set up assistance for company leaders. Memorial is no longer using Lifenet and Twiage will be the only mechanism to submit to Memorial Health facilities. This has no impact for non-Memorial facilities that continue to utilize Lifenet, Carepoint or other submission processes. Questions can be directed to Brown.sara@mhsil.com.

EMS Assistance Fund Grant Available FY24

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is pleased to have the opportunity again this year to distribute funds to Illinois EMS Agencies who can demonstrate the need for resources. The memo is attached to this email and further info can be found at www.idphgrants.com.

National Registry Input

The National Registry values your input about future changes to the Advanced Life Support (ALS) Examination. Your feedback is crucial in ensuring we provide the best possible support during this transition. Click [here](#) to access the survey and share your thoughts by answering a few questions.

Xylazine Information

Xylazine, a non-opioid sedative commonly used in veterinary medicine, has become increasingly prevalent in the unregulated drug supply in the United States. Its contribution to overdose deaths is widespread and increasing. Xylazine is an alpha-2 adrenergic agonist that causes profound sedation and central nervous system depression. Xylazine is highly underrecognized in most overdose situations. Because it is not an opioid, Xylazine overdose is not responsive to Naloxone. Xylazine is often mixed in with Fentanyl, therefore Naloxone administration is still the first recommended step in responding to an overdose; however, it should still coincide with other lifesaving interventions, such as rescue breathing and airway placement when needed. Provisional data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) indicate Xylazine was present in 5.6% of opioid-involved overdose deaths in 2022, with Fentanyl present in more than 98% of Xylazine-involved overdose deaths.

MEMS Education

The MEMS monthly CEU topic for September is Pediatric Abuse, Tuesday, September 26, at 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. Sign-up on Healthstream. There is no Friday option this month due to the MAES Event.



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