



Division 05

Emergency Medical

Chapter 07 – Epinephrine Auto-Injector Syringes

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POLICY

This General Order establishes the policy for the operation of epinephrine auto-injector syringes.

DEFINITIONS

ePCR – Electronic Patient Care Report

PROCEDURES

The Maryland Medical Protocols for EMS Providers mandate that Basic Life Support Units carry epinephrine auto-injector syringes. These devices are commonly referred to as “Epi-Pen” and “Epi-Pen Junior.”

Indications for the use of these devices are described in the Maryland Medical Protocols for EMS Providers.

Each BLS unit is provided one of each type of syringe. The station is also issued one of each type of syringe as replacement stock. No other operational units are stocked with epinephrine auto-injector syringes.

The procedure for obtaining replacement epinephrine auto-injector syringes is below:

- When an ambulance uses an auto-injector syringe they will replace the syringe on the unit from the replacement stock. The used syringe must be discarded in an appropriate sharps container.
- The station must request a replacement auto-injector syringe from Advanced Emergency Medical

Services (AEMS) Office or EMS Shift Commander (EMS801). The station must make a copy of the ePCR for the incident where the auto-injector syringe was utilized and submit that report to AEMS at the time the replacement syringe is requested.

- If an auto-injector syringe is broken, a Loss/Damage Report is completed per General Order 08-27, Vehicle Accident and Loss Reporting, Investigation and Review. This form is submitted to the AEMS Office at the time the replacement syringe is requested. The broken syringe must be discarded in a sharps container.

Any questions concerning these devices should be referred to the AEMS Office at (301) 583-1860.

REFERENCES

N/A

FORMS/ATTACHMENTS

N/A