

# MARQUETTE COUNTY EMS MEDICAL CONTROL AUTHORITY

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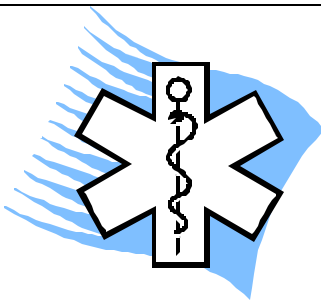
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### ALBUTEROL PROGRAM

The Albuterol Special Study program is now up and running. Licensed EMS agencies in Marquette County may participate in the Special Study, which allows licensed EMT-Basics and above who are working for a participating agency to administer Albuterol when indicated. The program is already operating in a number of Marquette County agencies.

Thanks and congrats to those who have chosen to add this program to the services that they provide to their community!

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### UP-EMS INSPECTIONS

UP-EMS (Upper Peninsula Emergency Medical Services) has been conducting EMS agency and vehicle licensing inspections throughout the area, under a contract with the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services. Most agencies in Marquette County have already been completed. If your agency has not been inspected, and you'd like assistance or would like to review the requirements, please call the MCA office.

### Online EMS License Renewal

Did you know that you are able to renew your EMS license online?

[www.michigan.gov/elicense](http://www.michigan.gov/elicense)

### REGIONAL MEDICAL CONTROL AUTHORITY NETWORK

In an effort to standardize some of the EMS efforts and programs in Upper Michigan, the Rural Health Initiatives Grant has funded the Regional Medical Control Authority Network (MCAN), which is operating through the Upper Peninsula Health Care Network.

Mr. Dennis Karuzas, EMT-P was hired to be the Facilitator of this program. He has been working with all eleven Medical Control Authorities in Upper Michigan. The Regional MCAN Committee has met and set up some objectives and goals. You will be hearing more about this Committee in the future. If you'd like to be involved with this group as one of the representatives from Marquette County, please call the MCA office at 225-7410.

The most recent addition to the Regional MCAN team is Ms. Tammy LaCrosse, NR-EMT, who will be working as the MCAN Credentialing Coordinator. Tammy is responsible for obtaining all of the licensing information from all Upper Peninsula EMS providers and agencies. The MCAN Network will be keeping a database of current personnel, licensed EMS services, and other appropriate information.

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### MARQUETTE COUNTY EMERGENCY RESCUE UNIT 131

Please remember that Unit 131 is a "Rescue" Unit. They are very often looked at as an "Extrication" Unit, and not paged out for the other services available through their agency. Unit 131 can provide vehicle extrication, but also should be paged for additional manpower on any scene, fire scene assistance, additional EMS hands, high-angle rescue, hazardous waste operations, and trench rescue, just to name a few!

Unit 131 is a licensed non-transporting basic life support EMS agency, currently based out of Negaunee Township (at the old airport). Do not hesitate to request 131 through Central for assistance at any scene.

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### Annual Renewal of EMT-S and Paramedics

The updated *Annual Renewal of EMT-S and Paramedics* (Part 2, Section 1 of the Marquette County EMS Medical Control Plan) is now approved. The previous protocol required EMT-S and Paramedics to meet certain minimum patient care requirements annually, which frequently were not met due to run volume. The new protocol was approved by the MCA Board of Directors at the September 10, 2002 Medical Control meeting. All EMT-S and Paramedics will be reviewed and approved by Dr. Tomacari and/or Dr. Mlsna annually, and a letter will be sent to their EMS service director. The annual renewal will only affect EMT-S or Paramedics who are working for an LALS or ALS service.

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Did you know that some Marquette County EMS agencies pick one protocol to review at each monthly meeting? They offer training and continuing education credits to keep everyone current on local protocols.

**Great Job!**

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### MEETING SCHEDULE 2003

The Marquette County EMS Medical Control Authority 2003 Meeting Schedule is shown below. All meetings begin at 7 p.m. ET. Please notify your agency's representative of any concerns that you would like presented at the MCA meeting. If you have any questions regarding Medical Control Authority meetings, please call the MCA office at 225-7410, fax to 225-3038, or email the office at [asundberg@mgf.org](mailto:asundberg@mgf.org).

January 7, 2003  
Bell Memorial Hospital,  
Conference Room B

March 4, 2003  
Marquette Gen. Hospital  
Conference Room 4

May 6, 2003  
Bell Memorial Hospital  
Conference Room B

July 1, 2003  
Marquette Gen. Hospital  
Conference Room 4

September 2, 2003  
Bell Memorial Hospital  
Conference Room B

November 4, 2003  
Marquette Gen. Hospital  
Conference Room 4

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### New EMS and Support Agency Representatives

All licensed EMS agencies in Marquette County are required to have representation on the MCA Board of Directors. The following representatives have been recently appointed to the Board:

Dana Beaupied, Champion  
Township EMS First Responders

Scott Hansen, Republic  
Township EMS

Carl Hosang, Ely Township First  
Responders

John Richards, Richmond  
Township EMS

Teresa Schwalbach, Marquette  
County Emergency Management

Welcome to these new  
Board Members!



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### INSULIN PUMPS

The Altered Mental Status Protocols for both BLS and LALS, and ALS (Part 1, Section 1) include the removal of the distal tube on an insulin pump after online medical control contact. This has been in place since 1998, and a majority of EMS providers didn't know it was in our local protocols. A continuing educ. program on Diabetic Emergencies will be offered in late January. This will include insulin pump distal tube disconnection. EMS service directors will be given the date and time. If you have questions, call the MCA office at 225-7410.



### LIGHTS & SIRENS...again

There are still EMS agencies running with lights and **no** siren. Please, if you are using lights during an EMS call, also use your siren. If you don't feel as though you need the siren, then you probably don't need the lights. If your service is running with lights alone, you are not operating legally per the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code (257.603) which covers authorized emergency vehicles and the use of lights and sirens.

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### CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS IN THE SUN!

Do you want to add a little excitement to your continuing education credits? Leaving on 2/2/03, the Carnival Cruise Ship INSPIRATION is leaving Tampa Bay, and is the first cruise chartered exclusively for MFR's, EMT's, EMT-S, and Paramedics for the purpose of providing Continuing Education credits. Call the MCA office for additional information at 225-7410.

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### BIOTERRORISM PREPAREDNESS GRANT FUNDING

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and the Michigan Department of Community Health, have provided Bioterrorism Medical Response Preparedness Grant funds to the Upper Peninsula. Seventeen hospitals and twelve Medical Control Authorities are cooperating to prepare a regional response plan in the event of any biological threats or incidents in our area. The Marquette County EMS Medical Control Authority is the fiscal agent for this grant, and has recently hired Mr. Jim Tritten as the Coordinator of these grant efforts. After the program is developed, all agencies will receive additional information from their service director.

## COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL, TRANSPORTATION POLICY, and INTERCEPT POLICY

If you haven't reviewed the approved *Intercept Policy (Part 2, Section 1)*, *Transportation Policy (Part 2, Section 1)* or the *Communications Protocol (Part 2, Section 2)* lately, it may be time to pull out the Medical Control Plan in your EMS agency and check it out.

The hospitals now have EMS Radio Report Forms that they are completing for each call, and they are documenting any comments they have regarding EMS calls.

Some of the most common concerns are already addressed in these two policies:

You are required to radio the hospital while enroute to any call, giving them early notification that you will be requiring the physician for online medical control, and to allow the hospital to prepare for your arrival. Richmond Township is the only area that may do this as soon as possible after they arrive on the scene. (*Transportation Policy, Part 2, Section 1 and Communications Protocol, Part 2, Section 2, page 9 of 17*)

You **must** request permission from the online Medical Control physician to cancel an ALS intercept, or to bypass a hospital. Approval of the Medical Control physician is frequently being missed. (*Intercept Policy, page 2 of 2*). You are required to transport patients to the facility of their choice, after Medical Control approval, or to the closest *appropriate* hospital. Also, if the patient's condition warrants transporting to a facility that is NOT the closest hospital, you must request permission from online Medical Control to transport (or bypass) to the alternate hospital for treatment. The physician depends on you to

provide them with enough detailed patient information for him/her to make this determination. (*Transportation Policy, Part 2, Section 1*)

Appropriate radio report information can be found in the Medical Control Plan *Communications Protocol*, on page 11 of 17.



The Marquette County EMS Medical Control Authority website is now up and running, with a few areas remaining under construction.

Please visit the site to find EMS agency representatives, various subcommittee descriptions, special study information and forms, news items, grant information, state forms, links to other EMS sites, and license renewal information. Please call the MCA office if you have information to add to the website.

[www.mgh.org/mqtems](http://www.mgh.org/mqtems)

## Service News

Michigamme-Spurr First Responders have a new response vehicle and new radios!

Congrats to Joe & Julie (Woodbridge) Perry on their Sept. 14 wedding! Joe has been with the Michigamme-Spurr Fire Dept. and Mich-Spurr First Responders, 131, and currently Ishpeming Fire and EMS. Julie has worked with Richmond EMS as its Director, Palmer Fire Department, and most recently MGHS EMS!

Ely Township First Responders have added AED's to their services!

Medi-Ride, Inc. has added a 2<sup>nd</sup> Ambulance to their service!

Marquette General EMS has added a new Basic Transfer Ambulance and a new ALS Transfer Ambulance!

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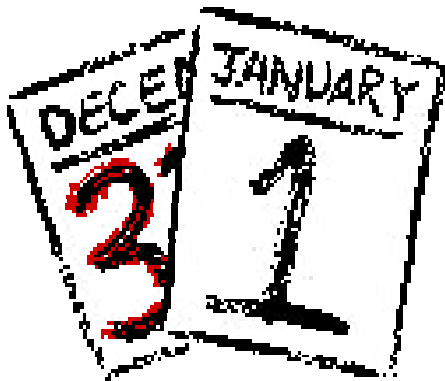
## Updated Protocols

The Protocols Committee has been working hard on reviewing and updating our current protocols, and doing a comparison with the State Model protocols that were issued earlier this year.

The protocols listed below have recently been changed or updated, and will be included in your EMS Agency's Medical Control Plan shortly. Please familiarize yourself with the changes as they include the standard of care that our Emergency Department physicians have approved and expect us to provide.

- Abuse and Neglect
- AED Protocol
- Albuterol Nebulizer Procedure
- Annual Renewal for EMT-S and Paramedics
- Dead on Scene Policy
- Medication Administration
- Psychiatric Emergencies
- Respiratory Insufficiency
- Seizure - ALS and BLS/LALS
- Sexual Assault
- Vascular Access Policy
- Documentation Procedure
- Hypertensive Emergencies - ALS and BLS/LALS
- Latex Sensitivity Policy
- Marquette County Training Program Requirements
- Medical Control Privileges Policy
- Vagal Maneuvers Procedure





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