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To: Northeast Paramedics
CC: Northeast Paramedic Services, MoH Field Office
From: Dr. Jason Prpic, Regional Medical Director, Centre for Prehospital Care & Trauma Services
Re: ALS PCS 5.4 Core Medical Directive AUTHORIZATION UPDATE
Date: May 30, 2025

memo

This letter will serve as authorization for the implementation of the **Core Medical Directives in the ALS PCS v5.4**, in force on **June 2, 2025**. Certification letters will be updated on this date to reflect these changes.

Core medical directive changes include:

- PCP/ACP Medical Cardiac Arrest - Vector Change Defibrillation (VCD)
- PCP/ACP Advanced Airway & Tracheostomy Suctioning & Reinsertion - SGA Gastric Port Suctioning, if available
- PCP Tachydysrhythmia Medical Directive - Valsalva Maneuver
- ACP Analgesia - Ketamine

Authorization of the auxiliary directives in the ALS PCS v5.4 will be implemented in collaboration with each paramedic service and no later than June 19, 2025.

Auxiliary medical directive changes include:

- PCP/ACP Medical Cardiac Arrest - Double Sequential External Defibrillation (DSED)
- PCP Tachydysrhythmia Medical Directive - Treat & Discharge
- PCP/ACP Traumatic Hemorrhage Medical Directive
- PCP/ACP Nausea & Vomiting Updates

You are responsible for reviewing the ALS PCS v5.4 to ensure familiarity and compliance with these Core Medical directives.

Should you have any questions or require further clarification, please contact our office or your paramedic practice coordinator.

Thank you,

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