

Suffolk County ALS Preceptor

Frequently Asked Questions



FAQ

Q. How do I check to see if I am on the Suffolk County ALS Preceptor List?

A. You can go to the Suffolk County Regional EMS Council (REMSCO) website. www.suffolkremSCO.com On the home page click on the [Downloads & Forms] tab on the left , then click on the Suffolk County Preceptor List .

Please note that this list is updated periodically so you should check on the bottom of the list for the most recent updated date. If you are not on the list then you are not a Suffolk County ALS Preceptor.



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Q. What is required to remain on the Suffolk County ALS preceptor List ?

A.

- Must be an active ALS provider in Suffolk County
- SCEMS must have on file a copy of a current NYS EMT-CC or EMT-P card.
- If the Preceptor leaves the 1st nominating department, the ALS provider must be nominated by another ALS department in order to continue as a Suffolk County Preceptor.



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Q. How many students can I precept at one time?

A. You should only precept one student at a time but, you can precept two students on one call. You should not allow them to do skills at the same time! You can only oversee one student while they are doing a skill. You will also need to fill out separate paperwork for each student.



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Q. What activities can I do with the student while completing On Call Time?

A. The IC may write on the On Call Form activities for the student to do but preceptors are encouraged to go over ECG cards, Medication cards, Protocols, ALS Equipment checks, etc. If you have access manikins you can use them for practicing skills ET, IV, etc.



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- Q. Will a failure to follow the Suffolk County Protocols result in the student not getting credit for any skills that may have been done?
- A. Yes. Students will not get credit if a protocol was violated and it may also result in the ALS preceptor being removed from the ALS preceptor list and possibly having their ALS privileges suspended.



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Q. How should the student be dressed for field time or what attire and/or equipment should they have?

A. When they are riding in their agency they should wear what their agency requires. When riding outside their agency the student should wear plain (no department logo or patches) black or blue shirts, pants or BDU's and if needed a jacket. They should have a stethoscope, pen, watch, required paperwork and ID with skills card.



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Q. Does the student have to be in the “in charge box” on the PCR to get credit for a call or skill?

A. No! The student is not an ALS provider yet . The ALS provider is "in-charge" of all of the aspects of the call including any adverse events that can occur. On all ALS calls with or without a student the ALS provider is documented on the PCR as in-charge.



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- Q. When the student is cleared by the IC to perform a skill like IO or ECG can I assume they know how to use all the equipment?
- A. No! The student has to demonstrate to the IC in class competency in the skill. In the classroom we try to show the students all the devices and equipment they may use but they have not been tested or cleared on all the possible types of equipment that agencies may have. You must go over the equipment before allowing a student to use it. An example of this would be the Easy-IO or the BIG Device.



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Q. Can a EMT-CC student be the “Team Leader” if I am a Paramedic and I treat the patient under EMT-P standing orders ?

A. No! EMT-CC students can not get credit as the “Team Leader” when treating patients under Paramedic protocols.



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- Q. Does the EMT-CC student have to be with the preceptor at all times while completing “On Call Duty Time” ?
- A. Yes! The purpose of the “On Call Duty Time” is for the EMT-CC student to get “on the job training” as a ALS provider. They are with the preceptor at all times while completing the scheduled On Call Time. If the preceptor goes on call or does not they are with the preceptor for that scheduled time.



The End



Thank You!

If you have questions or concerns please feel free to contact us.

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