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TO: All Fire and EMS Agencies

FROM: Jason Allen Winslow, MD
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DATE: September 1, 2026

RE: **2026 PROTOCOL UPDATE**

The New York State Collaborative Patient Care Protocols that are in use in Suffolk County were recently updated by the New York State Emergency Medical Advisory Committee and the updates were approved by the Suffolk County REMAC. The implementation date is September 1, 2026. A copy of the full set of protocols and the changelogs are posted on the New York State Department of Health Division of State EMS website as well as on the Suffolk REMSCO website. Please reference version 26.1.

The BLS and ALS Medication Formulary letters were sent out to all EMS agencies and Fire Districts in June in preparation of this update. These letters list all the medications that are required and those that are optional or both BLS and ALS level of service in Suffolk County. The Suffolk County REMAC and the Suffolk County Program Agency have provided an educational presentation on the 2026 updates to the patient care protocols, and it also includes updates to the Regional REMAC policies. The presentation is posted on the Suffolk REMSCO website.

The Suffolk County Trauma Triage educational materials were also recently updated and posted on the Suffolk REMSCO website. This presentation has the updated listing of the Regional Trauma Centers as well as educational materials on the triage treatment and transport of trauma patients for your review. It is posted on the eLearning site of the website and is available for Core CME for all levels of EMS providers.

As part of our service to the Region, and as a function of our role as the Regional Program Agency, you may contact the Suffolk County EMS Division staff if you have any questions about the updates – or if you would like a copy of the educational materials sent to you directly.