



Suffolk REMAC

Suffolk Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee

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This meeting summary will not be considered final until formally approved at the November 25, 2025 meeting.

Meeting Summary

September 30, 2025

Hospitals / Physician Members-at-Large Represented:

See Attendance List

Non-Voting Members Present:

See Attendance List

EMS Division Staff Present:

See Attendance List

Sub-Committee Meeting Attendance:

See Attendance List

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 1903 by Chairman Dr. Marshall, presiding. The pledge was recited and there was a moment of silence. The secretary took roll call of attendees and determined that a quorum was present, and official business could be conducted.

Chairperson's Motions:

- Dr. Marshall asked for a motion to approve the July 8, 2025, minutes as distributed. Dr. Winslow made the motion to approve, seconded by Dr. Hassoun. The motion passed without opposition.

Chairperson's Report:

- Dr. Marshall thanked Ocean Beach for hosting the joint July REMSCO and REMAC Meeting and stated that the RSI credentialing will be discussed under "New Business."

Vice Chairperson's Report:

- Dr. Geffken spoke to the history of the RSI program, and stated that he agreed with Dr. Glantz's version of the policy that was put forth as a draft.

Second Vice Chair's Report:

- No report.

Correspondence:

- No correspondence.

EMS Division Report

Operations Report- Chief Paul Marra

- Individual CME renewals: a letter went out to all agencies addressing individual CME recertification. Please be advised that the EMS Division Staff and the System Medical Director will not be signing any CME that does not have a valid MOU with the Division.

- Mr. Marra asks the REMAC to reinstitute the post-call to medical control for the administration of Narcan. This is a state initiative that requires supplemental data. Mr. Marra asks the REMAC to send a notification to the system regarding this update. Dr. Winslow made a motion for EMS providers to post-call medical control if a patient received Narcan by a bystander or PD prior to the arrival of EMS, and if additional Narcan as given by EMS. This motion was seconded by Dr. Decena. There was discussion, and the motion was referred to subcommittee for further discussion to allow for accurate and meaningful documentation. The referral motion was made by Dr. Marshall and seconded by Dr. Minnerop. The referral passed without opposition. It was also suggested that the EMS Division put out an educational memo on this issue, and any other issues the division identifies.
- Mr. Marra requested for the Firefighter Rehab Section to be added back in to the policies or as annex; Dr. Marshall stated that the Firefighter Rehab resource has already been approved to be added to the website.

Education and Training Report – Steve Januskiewicz

- Several EMT classes have been opened recently, including St. Anthony's and Eastern Suffolk BOCES classes. The registration for the BOCES class is double what it was last year. There is also an AEMT class underway and a paramedic refresher. An EMT refresher is in the works.
- The second round of online BLS CME is almost complete and should be available soon. Online ALS CME is also being worked on.

System Medical Director Report and the State Council Report– Dr. Winslow:

- Dr. Winslow reported:
 - “The Program Agency contracts for 8 of the regions have been fully executed and another 4 are nearly complete – Suffolk County’s Program Agency contract is now fully executed, and we have begun vouchering. I want to thank the EMS Divisions staff who work on Program Agency for all their hard work, especially Dina Wayrich and Jen Hannigan. The Suffolk County REMSCO contract is in the final stages of execution, and we are awaiting completion to begin vouchering for REMSCO.
 - The Division of EMS from NYS DOH reported on the following items: In operations, there are more field training and investigations staff and inspections have resumed throughout the State. In administration, the Program Agency and REMSCO contracts are approximately half fully executed at this time and work is being done to fully execute the remainder. The National Registry has had some IT platform issues regarding checking certifications. If an EMS provider chooses to take the National Registry exam and then obtain their New York State certification through the alternate pathway, please expect a 1 to 2 month delay due to the IT issue. Since New York is not a National Registry State, it is recommended that all EMS providers certify through taking the New York State examination first to obtain certification immediately and then to take the National Registry afterwards if they choose to have that additional certification. The upcoming Vital Signs Conference is scheduled for November 11-15 in Syracuse, and all are invited to attend if they are able. The main meeting is scheduled for Friday and Saturday and there are also a lot of good pre-conference workshops to attend. The Comprehensive EMS Plan Bill is due to be signed by Governor Hochul and the Legislative Committee is working on a guidance document for counties that should be ready for the upcoming meetings of the State Council which are scheduled for December 9 and 10. Also, please be aware of the SUNY Reconnect Scholarship Program that is available throughout several Associates Degree programs in New York State including Suffolk County Community College. This is a fully funded Associate’s Degree program for students between the ages of 25 and 55 who have not previously earned a degree.

- First Deputy Commissioner of Health for New York State, Dr Gene Heslin attended the meetings of the State Council and stated that he is eager to be more involved with the SEMAC and SEMSCO in the future. He also noted that the Commissioner of Health Dr McDonald has asked that the SEMAC and SEMSCO revisit the issue of the EMT-Critical Care proposed sunset date of July 1, 2027, and this was sent to the Education and Training Committee for their review, and this shall be further discussed at the next meetings of the State Council in December.
- The Medical Standards and SEMAC meetings discussed several items: The BLS Supraglottic Airway policy should be available soon for EMTs to use the iGel in cardiac arrest which is now in protocol. The main issue was noted to be that BLS First Response Agencies would not be authorized for this program as they are not required to have a medical director. Currently, BLS providers who are in NYS DOH registered EMS agencies may equip and train their EMTs to use the iGel but not if they are in a BLSFR. The Blood implementation regulations are still being developed and should be ready for public comment in December of this year. The Rapid Sequence Intubation training and credentialing process which is currently performed by 5 regional REMACs in New York State will be convening a working group to discuss having a Statewide minimum standard and policy. I have volunteered to join this group representing the largest and longest-running RSI program in the State. There was discussion about adding balanced crystalloid solutions (that is Lactated Ringers and Plasmalyte) to the Medication Formulary as they may be the preferred solution to administer in shock due to recent medical literature. This will be discussed with the collaborative protocols working group.”

REMSCO Report- Ed Boyd:

- Mr. Boyd reported that the 2024 REMSCO Awards is on October 22, 2025, at Southold FD at 7 PM. All members of REMAC are invited to attend.
- Mr. Boyd also thanked REMSCO for attending the joint meeting this past July, he looks forward to possibly doing this again next July.

Subcommittee Reports:

QA/QI (Dr. Winslow)

- Dr. Winslow reported that a project the QA/QI committee is looking into is drowning and near drowning cases. He thanks hospitals that have submitted data, and he will be looking at those, EMS records, and county lifeguard records to report back to the group in November.
- Two QA/QI project letters are being sent to all agencies. One involves cardiac arrest and vector change and epinephrine administration, and the other involves supraglottic airways.

Membership (Dr. Acosta excused, given by Dr. Marshall)

- Dr. Marshall reported that there are no open spots on REMAC, and there is no election this year.
- Dr. Winslow noted that his term as the representative to SEMAC is up in December. This will be discussed at the November meeting, and anyone who wishes to represent REMAC should apply.

Bylaws (Dr. Coyne)

- No report.

Protocols (Dr. Marshall)

- Dr. Marshall reported that a lot of progress has been made with the policies, and he thanks the group for that. The collaborative working group will meet in November to discuss the July 2026 changes to the state protocols. Training material is on the website.
- Dr. Marshall announced that the RSI Subcommittee will be October 14 at Bayshore Brightwaters Ambulance at 7PM and the other subcommittee meetings will be October 21 at SCEMS at 5 PM.

RSI (Dr. Glantz)

- Dr. Glantz brought forward a seconded motion to approve the Mattituck Fire Department as an RSI Agency. The RSI Subcommittee and REMAC endorses that the agency meets the minimum standard. This motion passed without opposition.
- Twenty-five RSI cases were reviewed, including one pediatric and one successful surgical airway case. No issues were found.

Old Business:

- The Lateulere Conference will be on April 18, 2026. More information to come and REMSCO is looking for lecturers to present. The location is the same as last year.
- Mr. Galway reported that prehospital blood is progressing for use on the helicopters. Training is happening soon, and blood is expected to be on the helicopters in December.
- The Joint Commission on the use of Red Lights and Sirens will meet again in October.

New Business:

- Suffolk County EMS wants to thank the hospitals that served as clinical sites for the students of the recent AEMT class. Stony Brook University, St. Catherine's of Siena, St. Charles, and Good Samaritan hospitals were all given recognition awards. Dr. Decena and Dr. Marshall accepted the awards for their health systems.
- Mr. Mara asked REMSCO to write a letter supporting Nissequogue FD becoming an ALS agency. A motion to compose a letter was made by Dr. Winslow, seconded by Dr. Decena and passed without opposition.
- Mr. Hoffman asked REMSCO create a TAG for the use of prehospital blood on ground ambulances to have "approved agencies" work together. Dr. Neubert stated that Nassau REMAC already has a TAG and recommended they work together. This TAG will begin following the regulations of ground ambulance prehospital blood from New York State, which are expected in December/January. Dr. Marshall agreed with the request and asks any interested parties to reach out to participate.
- Dr. Cox asked about IV pumps. There was a discussion on it and it was noted that any FDA approved device is approved for use and is up to the discretion of the medical director.
- Mr. Cavalieri asked about the EMTCC. It was noted that the SEMSCO Training and Education Subcommittee is working on the subject.
- Dr. Glantz reported that the RSI applications on the website have been turned off. He stated that RSI paramedics wish to be credentialed for the county so they may work in multiple agencies. He requests that the REMAC come up with a new policy that establishes that a provider has met the minimum standards and issues a letter that can be given to an agency medical director for their approval to function as an RSI medic within that agency. Dr Glantz made a motion to accept a new policy as follows:
 - Eliminate the need for a letter from the agency and medical director before taking the course.

- Any 3-year medic, who has completed a difficult airway course, and has 7 human tubes, can take the course.
- The medic must send proof of their difficult airway course and show evidence of 3 years as a medic. It would be best if they could email these documents to the course director before the RSI course. The course director should acknowledge the email.
- All the course directors that sponsor RSI courses should have access to medical control. They will ask medical control to confirm their tubes. If the medics got their intubations outside of Suffolk it would be up to the medic to get a letter from their prior medical director confirming the tubes.
- The medical director makes the determination on credentialing and sends a letter to medical control credentialing the medic for their agency.
- Any provider seeking reciprocity still needs to meet the minimum requirements to be considered, but the medical director has the ultimate decision.
- Dr. Geffken seconded the motion. Dr. Marshall asked Mr. Dunleavy from NYS BEMS if this motion falls within the authority of REMAC. Mr. Dunleavy stated that it does not, therefore the motion is out of order. Mr. Dunleavy clarified that REMAC may set a minimum standard, but the proposal is not a minimum standard.
- Dr. Geffken made a motion to set the minimum standard for RSI paramedics in Suffolk County to be:
 - Seven live (human) confirmed tubes
 - Three years as a paramedic
 - Completion of a Difficult Airway Course that is recognized by the medical director
 - Credentialed by the agency medical director
- Dr. Marshall stated that Dr. Geffken's motion outlines the current minimum standards. There was some discussion for clarification. Dr. Marshall asked the group to confirm the minimum standards as outlined above so as to move on to discussion on the RSI Policy. The membership agreed to the minimum standards without opposition.
- There was an extensive discussion on the RSI Policy. A motion was made by Dr. Winslow and Dr. Marshall to approve a draft document that was sent out by Dr. Winslow outlining a new policy. It was seconded by Dr. Geffken to allow for discussion. This document was projected on the wall. There was over forty minutes of discussion as the membership edited and discussed the new policy. The final document can be seen here as *attachment 2*. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion to accept the now-edited document submitted by Dr. Winslow passed, but not without opposition. The results of the vote can be seen here as *attachment 3*.

Motion to adjourn made by Dr. Geffken, seconded by Dr. Cangelosi. The meeting adjourned at 2046.
Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Hannigan
Deputy Chief, Education and Training
REMAC Secretary



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FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OF SUFFOLK COUNTY
MEMBERSHIP ATTENDANCE LIST
September 30, 2025

Facility	Hospital Delegate/Alternate	SIGNATURE
EMS Medical Director	Jason Winslow, MD	
Eastern Long Island	Lawrence Schiff, MD	
Good Samaritan	Eric Decena, MD / Chris Raio, MD	
Huntington	Devin Howell, DO / Leo Huertas, MD	
J.T. Mather	Eddie Kim, MD / Adam Wos, MD	
NYU Langone Hsp- Suffolk	Jerry Rubano, MD / Sanjay Shetty, MD	
Peconic Bay	Jeffrey Cangelosi, MD / Nick Palamidissi, MD	
Southampton	Max Minnerop, MD	
South Shore University	Brian Blaustein, MD/ Anthony Urmaza, MD	_____
St. Catherine's	Paul Taglienti, MD	_____
St. Charles	Jeffrey Wheeler, MD / Joseph Garber, MD	
Stony Brook University	Joseph Bove, MD / Megan Hodges, MD	Excused
Physician Members-at-Large:		
Juan Acosta, DO	Excused	Sanford Glantz, MD
Lincoln Cox, MD		Christopher Guszack, MD
Scott Coyne, MD		Youssef Hassoun, MD
Caitlin Feeks, DO		Lauren Maloney, MD
Andrew Flanigan, DO	_____	R. Trevor Marshall, MD
Gegory Garra, MD		James Vosswinkel, MD
Jack Geffken, DO		Excused
		Daryl Williams, MD



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EMS Division Staff:

Signature

Steven Januskiewicz, Education and Training Coordinator

Paul Marra, Chief, EMS Operations

Jennifer Hannigan, Deputy Chief, Executive Secretary

Christopher Gallway, University Medical Control

Edward Boyd, Chair, REMSCO

Non-Physician Members-at-Large:

Signature

Edward Boyd

John Boyd

Jess Boyle

Robert Cavaliere

Scott DiPino

Shawn Edouard

Thomas Fealey

Patrick Gugliotta

Jason Hoffman

James Jackson

Michael Presta

David Roth

Daniel Siciliano

Richard Tvelia

Paul Werfel



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GUESTS:

Name (Please Print)	Affiliation	Signature
Dina Waymich	Program Agency	[Signature]
DAVID NEUBERT	HCFAS / Deer Park / NASSAU / REMAC	[Signature]
Anthony Guerne	NFD	[Signature]
Christopher Klein	Northwell	[Signature]
Carl Goodman	PSSMS / AMR	[Signature]
Joseph Cusumano	Commercial Vt.	[Signature]
Cole D'Agostino	Commercial Vt.	[Signature]
Mark Zender	NEASCO vice chair	[Signature]

(please turn over to add additional names)



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Eastern Long Island
Hospital

Good Samaritan
Hospital

Huntington Hospital

John T. Mather Memorial
Hospital

Long Island
Community Hospital

Peconic Bay Medical
Center

Southampton Hospital

South Shore
University Hospital

Catherine of Siena Medical
Center

St. Charles Hospital

Stony Brook
University Hospital

Subcommittee: RSI

Date: 9/11/2025

Location: Dix Hills, FD

Chair/Acting Chair: [Signature] Quorum reached? Y/N

Present at location:

Jack Geffken

Shawn Edwards

Chris Gallway

Don Siciliano

Jason Hoffman

Winston Lee

PAUL

Dina Colegnich

Trevor Marshall

JASON WINSLOW

Tom Fealey

Colt Davidson

SCOTT

Jim Harrigan
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Brian BARSZEW

CAVALIER, BOB

Continue on back if necessary.

The use of the Rapid Sequence Intubation Protocol is a REMAC policy.

The REMAC minimum standards for paramedics to perform RSI are:

- Minimum three years' experience of active practice as a paramedic
- Ten successful tracheal intubations or a combination of field intubations and simulated intubations; with a minimum of seven field intubations
- Completion of a recognized advanced airway course
- Completion of an original RSI course approved by the Agency Medical Director
- Annual training of providers on the RSI procedure

The eligibility of the paramedic shall be determined by the RSI Agency Medical Director. When credentialed by the Agency Medical Director, a letter attesting to this will be written by the EMS Agency leadership and shall be sent to the Suffolk County RSI Committee via the email QAQI@suffolkcountyny.gov.

The RSI Agency is required to send a listing of the current RSI credentialed Paramedics that are authorized at the agency to the QAQI@suffolkcountyny.gov on an annual basis. Agencies are required to participate in the regional QA/QI process.

The REMAC RSI Committee will make recommendations to new EMS Agencies who wish to participate in the RSI program. The REMAC RSI Committee will provide feedback and education to the RSI Agencies and to the RSI Paramedics based on their review of the cases as part of the regional REMAC quality improvement process. The REMAC RSI Committee will serve as an expert resource to all EMS Agencies and to EMS Providers on the use of all advanced airways including RSI.

**Suffolk County Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee
Record of Motion**

A Motion to

Accept the edited draft version of the RSI Policy as it was finalized at the September 30, 2025 meeting. (A copy of this policy is available as attachment 3 of the September 30, 2025 REMAC Meeting Minutes).

was made by Dr. Winslow, seconded by Dr. Geffken

Agency	Representative	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Absent
Eastern Long Island	Lawrence Schiff, MD	X			
Good Samaritan	Eric Decena, MD	X			
Huntington	Devin Howell, DO	X			
J.T. Mather	Eddie Kim, MD	X			
NYU Langone Hosp - Suffolk	Jerry Rubano, MD	X			
Peconic Bay Med. Center	Jeffrey Cangelosi, MD	X			
Southampton	Max Minnerop, MD	X			
South Shore University	Brian Blaustein, MD				X
St. Catherine's	Paul Taglienti, MD				X
St. Charles	Jeffrey Wheeler, MD	X			
Stony Brook University	Joseph Bove, MD				X
Medical Director	Jason Winslow, MD	X			
Physician Members					
Dr. Juan Acosta					X
Dr. Lincoln Cox		X			
Dr. Scott Coyne		X			
Dr. Caitlin Feeks					X
Dr. Andrew Flanigan					X
Dr. Gregory Garra					X
Dr. Jack Geffken		X			
Dr. Sanford Glantz			X		
Dr. Chris Guszack		X			
Dr. Youssef Hassoun		X			
Dr. Lauren Maloney		X			
Dr. R. Trevor Marshall		X			
Dr. James Vosswinkel					X
Dr. Daryl Williams					X
TOTAL:					

This is a true and accurate recording of the subject motion identified above.

MOTION [X] PASSED [] DEFEATED

Date: 9/30/2025

Attested to by:  _____,
Jennifer Hannigan, Executive Secretary