



March 31, 2020- 4:00 pm

******UPDATED AND REVISED TO INCLUDE CARE OF
ED/PHARMACY PAPERWORK******

RE: BREMS Directive Regarding Drug Box Mitigation of Contamination and Decon

RE: Care & Transmission of ED/Pharmacy Paperwork for all BREMS Patients & Drug Boxes

In cooperation with Pharmacy Staff and per the direction of Dr. Wendy Wilcoxson, during this time frame of concern, the policy for drug box use and exchange is as follows:

- **Drug Boxes:**
 - 1) EMS providers opening a drug box should keep the box clear of patient contact as much as possible without disrupting patient care, for example by positioning it behind the head of the stretcher, in the drug box compartment, at the far end of the bench seat, etc.
 - 2) After the call is completed, and prior to exchanging the box with the charge nurse, EMS providers are required to don a clean set of gloves and decon the box with Cavi wipes, or an approved cleaning solution already in use. This includes the exterior as well as the interior. Remove the contents of the box, clean all inside slots in its entirety to include the exterior of the plastic bags which contain the medications. Do not open and cleanse the medications themselves, as this could potentially damage the medication container.
 - 3) Replace all cleaned items to the box as was originally found, and take the box to the charge nurse/designated representative for exchange.

The ED is aware of this policy, and will expect the box for exchange as usual.



- **ED/Pharmacy Paperwork:**

*This policy applies to all BREMS Drug Boxes, regardless of pharmacy location. Until the suspension is lifted, all EMS providers will:

- 1) In each BREMS drug box, you should find a plastic bag that contains the Pharmacy Administration Record. Remove the form, ensure that you have either donned a new pair of gloves, or removed your old gloves and washed your hands thoroughly. Fill the form out as it applies to the drug box usage, then place the completed form AND a copy of the patient care report back in the plastic bag, then back in the drug box for exchange.
- 2) To avoid extended time in the EMS room, and to promote safe social distancing, if possible, we ask providers to complete the patient care report outside, or in the EMS vehicle.
- 3) As usual, leave a copy of the patient care report in the ED before you leave.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. And as always, feel free to contact us here at the BREMS office with questions anytime.
(434) 947-5934

Thank you,

BREMS Staff on behalf of Regional OMD Dr. Wendy Wilcoxson

Wendy J. Wilcoxson