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Date: August 17, 2007
To: All Paramedic Level Providers
From: New Haven Sponsor Hospital Program

Re: Paramedic Equipment

It has come to my attention that there are several interpretations of what equipment is required to be brought when a paramedic accompanies a patient in a non paramedic equipped ambulance. It is clearly the expectation by New Haven Sponsor Hospital Program, that **ALL** portable paramedic equipment/supplies shall be transferred to the transporting ambulance for accessibility by the paramedic caring for the patient. This consistency will assure: 1) Accountability of all portable ALS equipment and supplies by the responsible provider; 2) That each and every patient has the necessary equipment and supplies accessible to receive the standard of care; 3) That liability is minimized by assuring that all equipment is immediately available in the case of unforeseen changes in patient condition. The equipment/supplies being transferred will include the cardiac monitor/defibrillator, intravenous access and maintenance supplies, all pharmaceuticals **including** narcotics, all airway equipment including both primary (endotracheal) and backup (Combitube) airways, and all miscellaneous equipment (syringes, needles, mucosal atomizer devices, nebulizers, etc.). Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Albert Gambino Jr.".

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Director

