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TO: All EMS Providers
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SUBJECT: ResQPod and Combitube

This is to inform you that the McLean County Area EMS System is currently updating all Adult treatment protocols as well as reviewing policies and procedures for any necessary updates.

The American Heart Association has moved the ResQPod to a lower recommendation within their cardiac arrest resuscitation management. The McLean County Area EMS System has every intention to remove these devices from the Adult treatment protocols. The EMS System also understands that it is becoming more difficult for EMS agencies to replace the devices. Based upon these reasons, the EMS Medical Directors have authorized the agencies within the McLean County Area EMS System to stop replacing the ResQPod devices after they have been utilized. This will begin phasing the devices out until the updated Adult treatment protocols have been finalized and approved.

The McLean County Area EMS System will also be phasing out the Combitube devices. All Combitube Blind Airway Insertion Devices should be replaced by the King Blind Insertion Airway Devices before January 01, 2014. This will allow for a System-wide standard on Blind Insertion Airway Devices.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (309) 827-4348 or gscott@mcleancountyems.org.

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