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MEMORANDUM TO: Paramedic Service Chiefs, First Nations and Ornge

FROM: Chris Georgakopoulos
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RE: **Opioid Toxicity Medical Directives**

I am announcing the publication and release of an amendment to the *Advanced Life Support Patient Care Standards* (ALS PCS), version 3.4. The Opioid Toxicity Medical Directives at pages 1-39, 1-40 and 2-44, 2-45 in Version 3.4 of the ALS PCS are revoked and replaced with the attached respective Opioid Toxicity Medical Directives.

Version 3.4 of the ALS PCS was released on October 19, 2016 with an in force date as of February 1, 2017. The attached directives were previously released on December 23, 2016 to amend Version 3.3 of the ALS PCS.

Pursuant to clause 11(b) of O. Reg. 257/00 under the *Ambulance Act* each ambulance service operator and every paramedic shall ensure that patient care is provided in accordance with the ALS PCS as published by the Ministry, as that document may be amended from time to time.

This amendment **comes into force as of February 1, 2017.**

The table below has been updated to reflect the new version.

Please contact your local Base Hospital with any further questions regarding the administration of naloxone.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Corey Freedman, Paramedic Standards and Certification Coordinator, at (416) 326-3608 or corey.freedman@ontario.ca.

<u>Paramedic Practice Document</u>	<u>In Force As Of*</u>
<i>Advanced Life Support Patient Care Standards (ALS PCS)</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Version 3.4 (including the revised Opioid Toxicity Medical Directives released February 1, 2017) • Version 4.0.1 (replaces Version 4.0, which has been amended prior to the in force date) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Version 4.1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 1, 2017 • July 17, 2017 • December 11, 2017
<i>Basic Life Support Patient Care Standards (BLS PCS)</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Version 2.0 (including amendments made through various training bullets, e.g. Training Bulletin No. 108 - DNR Standard) • STEMI Hospital Bypass Protocol (amendment made through Training Bulletin No. 118 – STEMI Hospital Bypass Protocol) • Version 3.0.1 (replaces Version 3.0, which has been amended prior to the in force date) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently in force • February 1, 2017 • December 11, 2017
<i>Ontario Ambulance Documentation Standards (supplemented by Ambulance Call Report Completion Manual - v3.0)</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Version 2.1 • Version 3.0 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently in force • April 1, 2017
<i>Provincial Equipment Standards for Ontario Ambulance Services (Equipment Standards)</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Version 2.3 • Version 3.0 • Version 3.1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently in force • July 17, 2017 • December 11, 2017

*once a new version of a standard comes into force, it replaces the existing in force version.

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