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Injectable epinephrine added as new EMS enhanced skill

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) Division of Emergency Medical Systems (EMS) has developed new optional enhanced skill training for delivering epinephrine/adrenalin in an injectable form. Epinephrine is used for the treatment of life-threatening allergic reactions. Recertification of this skill will be every two years. Emergency responders may obtain course registration forms on the Emergency Medical Systems page of the ndhealth.gov website.

Epinephrine is typically administered with an EpiPen[®] auto-injector. This new skill will be an added advantage to EMS responders as there have been EpiPen shortages in the U.S. as recently as May 2018. Also, the cost of EpiPens can be prohibitive for some ambulance services. The injectable medication is available at a much more reasonable price.

“We are pleased to offer this new course to our EMS community,” said Chris Price, NDDoH EMS Director. “Any time we can boost a skillset and provide cost savings, while providing the same high standard of care to patients is a win, win, win.”

More details regarding the training module are available at
https://www.health.nd.gov/media/2205/ambulance_memo_1.pdf

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