



Mary Washington Healthcare

To: EMS Agencies
From: Christina Rauch, EMS Coordinator
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Subject: **Current EMS Medication Shortages**

These shortages are in effect for all MWHC facilities based on our ability to order under national drug shortages, and backorders by the manufacturers under the current contracts we hold. Please distribute the updated list below to your ALS providers. Your providers may see these drugs as previously distributed in hospital medication boxes currently in the field or the Med Acudose until that stock is depleted or expired.

Medication Shortage	Approved Alternative Provided	Effective Date
Ketamine	Remains on shortage as of 10/1/2018. Expected release in January 2019	3/5/2018
Dopamine Pre-Mix 250ml Bag	Still not readily available as of 10/1/2018. Small reserve stocks being maintained for in hospital codes. Expected release and recovery in 2019	1/22/2018
Diltiazem	Metoprolol 5mg/5ml vial – quantity of 3 per kit (See REMS approved alternative protocol)	7/11/2017
Sodium Bicarb	MWHC will only be able to stock 1 Sodium Bicarb in EMS Drug Kits during shortage. For those doing a one for one exchange please only stock 1 in your med bags. Shortage continues as of 10/1/2018	7/11/2017

Alerts on other medications and devices reported:

Medication Change	Approved Alternative Provided	Effective Date
Amiodarone 900mg/18ml vial	Stocking two 450mg/9ml vials per kit; only one manufacturer of 18ml vials and they cannot keep up with the increased demand.	10/1/2018
Narcan	Per REMS approval the Regional Drug kits will increase Narcan to 10mg. 6mg will be placed in the Med Box and 4mg will be in the STAT Kit.	2/1/2018
Epinephrine 30ml Vials	Per REMS approval will no longer be stocked in Regional EMS Med Boxes or Acudose as not available.	2/1/2018
Med Box Supplies	Per REMS approval the Regional Drug kits will no longer stock supplies to include syringes, needles, mucosal devices, etc. These items are available in the MWHC EMS Par Excellence machines.	2/1/2018

Should you have any questions regarding MWHC available EMS medications do not hesitate to contact me at 540-741-1192 or by email at Christina.Rauch@mwhc.com.