

# Central East Prehospital Care Program

**TO:** All York Region and Region of Durham Paramedics

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**RE:** ALS-PCS version 4.3

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An updated version of the ALS PCS has been released by the province. Effective immediately version 4.0.1 is replaced by ALS PCS 4.3. The service should have received a copy of the new document and we will be posting it on our website shortly.

The update relates to two specific changes in the directives that are applicable to both ACP and PCP.

## **Opioid Toxicity Medical Directive**

Following recommendations to expand the treatment of opioid toxic patients, the age condition has been changed from “ $\geq 18$  years of age” to “ $\geq 12$  years of age”.

## **Epinephrine**

While there is no actual change to the patient care, there is a change to the notation used within the document. Historically, Epinephrine was identified by its ratio of 1:1,000 or 1:10,000 and in a patient safety effort is now identified in a concentration as well as the ratio format. You will see 1mg/ml = 1:1,000 or 0.1 mg/ml = 1:10,000 in the medical directives. The ratio will be phased out in future versions of the directives.

Please contact our office should you have additional questions or concerns.