

Central East Prehospital Care Program

MEMORANDUM

To: All York Region Paramedics

From: Dr. Moran, Medical Director

RE: Lidocaine injectable Shortages

Date: April 30th, 2018

We have been notified by York Region Paramedic Service that much of the supply of Lidocaine injectable are expiring tonight and replacement inventory nor alternatives are available.

Lidocaine injectable is indicated for refractory / recurrent VF and normotensive, wide complex tachydysrhythmias. Please ensure you check your medication inventory closely so you can plan your care for these patient presentations. Transport should not be delayed to await the arrival or potential arrival of the medication from another vehicle.

In situations where the paramedic has identified that a patient meets the criteria for medication administration but the medication is not available due to supply issues, we recommend a notation be recorded in the remarks section of the ePCR reflecting this. Please use the following notation, "Lidocaine indicated but not available".

Please contact our clinical staff with any questions.