

CPAP Q&A

The State Emergency Medical Advisory Committee has approved a statewide protocol for the use of CPAP devices by EMT personnel for patients in respiratory distress.

The WREMAC has developed and adopted the regional CPAP education program to be used as the sole training program in the eight-counties of western New York.

EMS Agencies wishing to be authorized to use CPAP devices must complete the application with attachments and submit the documents to their regional program agency for approval **before** "going live". The application documents may be found on the home page of the WREMAC Website: www.wremac.com

A few frequently asked questions pertaining to CPAP:

Q1. Are all BLS services required to obtain CPAP approval?

A1. Approval should be discussed with the service Medical Director to determine if CPAP approval is appropriate. **NYS is not mandating this approval for any BLS service.**

Q2. If the Medical Director elects for a service to become CPAP approved, who must be trained and does the WREMAC have to approve the service?

A2. **CPAP is an "all or none" approval.** In other words, if a service elects for CPAP approval, all providers in the service at the EMT level and higher must be trained, have available and utilize CPAP when indicated.

The service must complete the application documents for approval by the WREMAC before "going live" with CPAP.

Q3. Who can provide CPAP training?

A3. The regional training program must be presented by the agency Medical Director or a NYS Certified EMT-CC or Paramedic who is also a current Certified Instructor Coordinator (CIC). CLIs are not permitted to present the initial education program.

PLEASE NOTE: The UBMD EMS Division will be announcing a series of CPAP training opportunities in the coming weeks. Attending one of our free training programs will satisfy the education component.

Q4. Where do I get more information regarding CPAP?

A4. **Visit the home page of the WREMAC Web site: www.WREMAC.com**