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Suicide by Hazardous Material

Be aware of your scene before taking action

We recently had an incident in the county where an individual attempted suicide by using hazardous chemicals in an automobile. When responders arrived on scene they immediately rushed to the car and opened the door, releasing the chemical that was in the vehicle and experiencing the effects.



Thankfully emergency responders were not seriously injured, but this incident is an important example of how there is a need to fully assess all scenes EMS crews respond to and act in a responsible way to protect yourselves and others in the area. Sadly these, and other dangerous scenarios are could potentially occur, so use caution at all times. Helping the community with their medical crises is your job, but you must protect yourself before you can help your patients.

Ketamine is Not Approved for Use

In April, 2022, then medical director Dr. Austin Burgess placed a moratorium on the use of Ketamine in our county. This was based upon ongoing reviews of the use of the medication and repeated errors in dosage and other concerns about the appropriateness of the administration of the drug.



This moratorium is still in place, despite the protocol not yet being changed. The change has not occurred because the state has asked that we not make changes to treatment protocols while they are in the middle of changing all state protocols. However, with the recent finding of the use of the drug we are going to move forward soon with removing it from our protocols.

In the meantime, this is a reminder that Ketamine should not be used in Genesee County. It will still be in the drug box as other counties in our region are still using it, but for our county it should not be used. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Hospital Capability Field Document on your ePCRs

The state has recently identified a low compliance with ePCRs documenting the “hospital capability” field. This field is a drop down to identify why EMS personnel selected the hospital for transport to that location (e.g. behavioral health, trauma, stroke, STEMI).

This should be documented on all ePCRs and reflects why you as a provider felt the patient needed to be transported to that hospital. Please assist us in meeting this expectation.

Mystery Picture Contest!!

If you can correctly identify who this is in this the picture and where it is located you could win a \$10 gift card.

Hint: It is somewhere in Genesee County.

Be the first person to contact us with the correct answer and you will win. Either call us at 810-262-2555 or email to btrevithick@gcmedcontrol.org.

