



# Hot Topics



The Genesee County Medical Control Authority's

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## New State Treatment Protocols

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### Required Testing

On June 1<sup>st</sup> new state treatment protocols went into effect throughout the Southeast Michigan Region, including Genesee County. These protocols are laid out in a very different format from the old ones, but much of the substance of the old protocols remain the same.

The GCMCA Education Committee and Board established training expectations that required all providers complete a training with their agency by August 1<sup>st</sup>. In addition to the training, providers were to take an online test. At first we had some problems with the test, but it has now been updated and is now available. The test is found at the new American CME Knowledge Assessment Platform (KAP), which will

also be where future GCMCA testing will be conducted. **The new deadline for passing this test is November 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Here are a few additional important notes regarding the testing: 1) Anyone who took and passed the test initially released in June will **NOT** have to take this test and has met the requirement; 2) This will serve as the test for renewing providers' GCMCA ID badge or for those new to the system from this point forward; 3) All providers who have to renew their badge within six months after taking this test will **NOT** have to retake it; 4) Like the previous protocol test, it will require 80% to pass, which is 40 of 50 questions; 5) All of the current protocols related to the test are posted to the GCMCA website ([gcmca.org](http://gcmca.org)) and can be referenced as the test is taken.

### Mystery Picture Contest!!

If you can correctly identify the location of the picture below you could win a \$10 gift card. Be the first person to contact us with the correct answer and you will win.

(Hint: it is in Genesee County)



### Burn Assessment

We have recently received feedback from hospital clinicians that they have seen some inaccurate assessments of burns by EMS personnel. When making your assessment there are two critical components for you to address: burn surface

area and depth of burn (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>).

This would be a great time to take a few minutes to review both the Rule of Nines (shown at the right) and a general knowledge refresher of the

appearance of various burns from epidermal, superficial dermal, deep dermal, full-thickness, and fourth degree burns.

