

**Policy and Procedures**

*Title:* Epinephrine Auto-Injector Program

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## Epinephrine Auto-Injector Program

*Statement:*

Cooperstown Medical Transport, Inc. (CMT) is establishing policy and procedures for the use of the Epinephrine Auto-injector (Epi-pen).

*Purpose:*

To establish policy as outlined by NYS DOH policy statement 00-01.

*Scope:*

This policy applies to all employees of (CMT) that will participate in this program.

*Policy:*

1. All personnel that wish to be authorized the use of the Epi-pen must:
  - a. Complete an approved didactic and practical training class taught by an approved instructor.
  - b. Complete annual re-fresher training as needed
2. Initial stock of Epi-pens will be by purchase from an approved source. Re-stock of used Epi-pens will be from the receiving hospital. If the receiving hospital is unable to restock, then restock will be from CMT spares. New spares will be purchased from an approved source.
3. The New York State BLS Protocol 'Anaphylactic Reaction with Respiratory Distress or Shock' will be utilized. This will be in addition to all other authorized NYS and AAREMS protocols.
4. After a patient is assisted with, or administered epinephrine, they will be transported to a hospital for evaluation.
5. After the use of the Epi-pen:
  - a. Notification to the transporting ambulance, the receiving hospital and the Medical Director will be completed at the earliest possible time.
  - b. The Epi-pen will be disposed of in an appropriate sharps container or turned over to the transporting ambulance for proper disposal.
  - c. The on duty dispatcher and the Quartermaster will be notified of the use.
  - d. The Medical Director will review a copy of the Pre-Hospital Care Report (PCR).