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MEMO

TO: Advanced Care Paramedics, York Region EMS
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FROM: David Austin, Medical Director

DATE: March 27, 2003

RE: **Changes to Medical Directives**

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

Effective immediately the following changes to your medical directives will take place until further notice. These changes are being initiated due to recently identified cases of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS).

1. The Bronchoconstriction Medical Directive is now suspended. Paramedics are not to administer Ventolin by any route and this includes adult and pediatric patients.
2. Effect on other medical directives:
 - Ventolin is not to be administered in the following medical directives:
Anaphylaxis Medical Directive, Severe Asthmatic Medical Directive
 - OR in the situation of pulmonary edema

In the case of severe asthma, paramedics are to utilize the Severe Asthmatic Medical Directive, which remains unchanged with the exception that paramedics are not to use Ventolin for a wheeze.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the York Region Base Hospital Program. In the event of urgent issues after business hours, contact Warren Beckett by cell phone at 416-277-0275.

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