



**Central New York
Regional Emergency Medical Services
Program**

Policy Statement

Serving: Cayuga, Cortland, Onondaga, Oswego and Tompkins Counties

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Nitronox Requirements

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Policy:

The Central New York REMAC has established this policy to maintain consistency regarding the utilization of Nitronox throughout the region. The REMAC recognizes the importance of appropriate pain management. The Central New York Advanced Life Support Pain Management Protocol must be followed in the use of Nitronox.

In an effort to minimize the potential abuse that can occur with this medication, the CNY REMAC requires the following controls be maintained by every agency that chooses to carry Nitronox.

- 1) The Nitronox unit is secured in such a manner that no medication can be delivered without breaking a serial numbered seal/tag.
- 2) The agency incorporates the CNY REMAC Nitronox Inventory Control Sheet into their routine inspection program. A separate Inventory Control Sheet will be required for each Nitronox unit.
- 3) All spare cylinders containing Nitrous Oxide shall be secured in such a manner that no medication can be delivered without breaking a serial numbered seal/tag. The agency must implement some method that tracks these serial numbered seals/tags.
- 4) The agency must assure that this medication, like all medications, is secured, accounted for and some standardized method is established to enforce this accountability. Any unexplained loss requires that an agency incident report is completed and an investigation is completed.

Any agency that wishes to carry this optional medication is required to contact the CNY office to inform them of their plan and assure that they are in compliance with the intent of this policy.

All ALS providers are required to successfully complete the regional Nitronox educational program, quiz and regional contract prior to utilizing this medication.

Reference:

Minutes of CNY REMAC meeting of May 8, 2008