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TO: All System ALS Providers (EMTB/EMTP/PHRN)

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RE: Spring 2019 CE Programming Announcement

The Spring 2019 CE programming begins this month. There will be 2 different CE presentations in-station that will be scheduled through to April. (All EMTB Providers are encouraged to ATTEND). Schedules of the programming are attached, and also posted to the EMS webpage.

LECTURES:
The first series of classes (January/February) will focus on Stroke Assessment and Indications of Large Vessel Occlusion, presented in a classroom setting. The second series of classes (March/April) will focus on The Wellbeing of the EMS Responder. This will also be presented in a classroom setting.

LEARNING PACKETS:
There will be 2 online learning packets available for your CE credit. February 1st we will post a learning packet focusing on Management of Winter Emergencies; April 1st we will post a learning packet focusing on Domestic Violence and your Role as a Mandated Reporter.

We anticipate an SOP Update Rollout in late spring, however, at this time the changes are still pending Regional EMS Medical Director/System Coordinator review. More details will be communicated as we near a final document.

As a reminder in August of 2016, we announced changes to the System CE requirements for all ALS EMS System providers. The changes offered 2 options to meet System CE expectations:

OPTION #1 - Complete all CE offerings as scheduled to complete both classroom presentations and skill validations – throughout the CE Calendar Year, including specified online learning packets. (Failure to complete all requirements would result in the requirement to attend the cumulative evaluation in Summer 2019).

OPTION #2 - Attend a cumulative education offering at the end of the CE Calendar Year (Summer 2019) - in which there may be both a written and practical skill assessments of the topics presented over the previous months per the Annual CE Calendar.

- The choice will be left to the individual EMS provider. The requirement for participation in competency validation applies to ALL PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EMTP/PHRN’s.

- Each individual provider is still required to meet the annual hourly CE requirements to maintain licensure status. (As a reminder all CE completed is documented within Image Trend).

The Annual Cumulative Summary CE sessions will be scheduled during the months of June and July. The list of those who will need to attend will be determined at the conclusion of the Spring 2019 CE offering schedule. The dates for the Cumulative Summary CE will be posted. Notifications will be sent to those who will be expected to meet the System requirements with Option #2 in Summer 2019.

Education is the key in maintaining your professional EMS practice. Thank you for your engagement in providing quality patient care. Feel free to contact me with any questions.