



# Hot Topics



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## Adenosine Usage

We have recently had questions about the use of Adenosine for patients in Atrial Fib with RVR. The GCMCA Education and Protocol Committees have thoroughly reviewed this issue and have noted that the use of Adenosine in these patients is not permitted under current protocol.

Further, the committees have indicated that the use of the medication for any form of irregular tachycardias is not consistent with current ACLS guidelines and the current state Tachycardia protocol.



## Bariatric Stretcher Not Always Needed

The number of bariatric patients EMS encounter is on the rise, but that does not always mean a request for a bariatric stretcher is necessary. Many of the standard stretchers in service today have a capacity of up to 700 lbs.

Before you automatically request a unit equipped with a bariatric stretcher for your patient, first confirm with your agency the load your existing stretcher can tolerate.

## Lift Assists

In the last month there have been a couple of cases where transporting crews have requested a lift assist from a fire department or another separate agency for a Tier 2 patient.

Here is the current protocol:

*If a unit is on a Tier 2 call and they need a lift assist, they will first attempt to secure the resources of their own agency first before requesting assistance from a different agency through the 911 system. For lift assists on Tier 1 calls, the 911 center should be contacted to dispatch the closest available unit*

Make sure that you have exhausted your agency's internal resources first on Tier 2 lift assists before requesting additional assistance from 911.

## Christmas Song Quiz Winner

Congratulations to Melissa Rumbold who was last month's winner of the Christmas Song Quiz. For her efforts Melissa received a \$10 Subway gift card. We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a great start to this New Year!

