



Memorandum



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To: All Stations and Offices

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Subject: National Drug Shortage of Dopamine

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Due to a national drug shortage of Dopamine, the Supply Bureau no longer has any available stock. The anticipated availability for Dopamine is about three (3) months. If you do not have Dopamine available, an Epinephrine Infusion can be substituted in any protocol that require the use of a Dopamine Infusion.

Epinephrine Infusions will be prepared as outlined in Appendix 9-2 of the Medical Operations Manual. **The infusion should be started at 2mcg/min and titrated to a maximum rate of 4mcg/min to maintain a systolic blood pressure of 90 mm Hg or greater.** This temporary protocol will be utilized until our stock is replenished.

If you need further clarification, please contact your EMS Field Supervisor.

RT/GJ