



STATE OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC HEALTH

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Emergency Medical Service Agencies

THROUGH: Mark Jackson, Interim State EMS Director
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SUBJECT: Inter-facility Transfer Drug Course Update

With the growth of the state Stroke System, Emergency Medical Services Personnel (EMSP) has been called upon to care for and transport many more patients who are receiving thrombolytic therapy for ischemic stroke. Attached is an update to the Inter-facility Transfer Drug Course specifying treatment protocols for patients who have received tissue plasminogen activator, also known as tPA, for treatment of ischemic strokes. This protocol is for inter-facility transfers only.

It is the responsibility of the individual EMS agency to disseminate this information to their EMS providers. Upon review to the satisfaction of each agency's Service Medical Director, Paramedics who are currently authorized with the ADPH OEMS Transfer Drug certification are authorized to utilize this inter-facility treatment protocol.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the ADPH Office of EMS at (334) 206-5383 or email Sarah Nafziger, M.D., Assistant State EMS Medical Director, at sarah.nafziger@adph.state.al.us.

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