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MEMORANDUM

TO: Arkansas EMS Training Sites
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SUBJECT: Changes in Bleeding Control/Shock Management

The National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) has recently revised their practical skills check off sheet for the Bleeding Control and Shock Management station. A revised skill sheet has been created to reflect the change to tourniquet consideration and use if direct pressure does not control bleeding. Steps using pressure dressings and elevation of the limb have been deleted. This change has been incorporated in the NREMT cognitive and psychomotor examinations in consideration of recent revisions in the science supporting treatment of bleeding and shock management. The Arkansas patient assessment practical skills evaluation will incorporate these changes.

For a further explanation regarding this revision, please access the NREMT website at http://www.nremt.org/nremt/State_EMS/state_ems_news.asp and scroll down to “*NREMT Responds to Changes in Standard of Care.*”

Enclosure: Bleeding Control/Shock Management skill sheet