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ACCREDITATION STANDARDS

Class 1 General
Anesthesia Facility
Emergency Cart

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Introduction

In accordance with the NHMSFAP Emergency Preparedness accreditation standard, non-hospital facilities are required to have an emergency cart that is stocked with emergency medications and equipment appropriate to the class of the facility. The emergency cart must be portable and located in a common patient care area. In addition, the emergency cart medications and equipment must be within their labelled expiry date, accessible and organized.

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AEM1.0	EMERGENCY CART
AEM1.1	

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AEM1.1.11	M Clipboard with arrest forms and pen. <i>Guidance: The arrest forms are triplicate copies so</i>

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AEM1.3.19	<p>M Midazolam. <i>Guidance: A minimum of two (2) vials and a minimum of 4 mg (i.e. 2 mg/2 mL x 2 vials, 5 mg/5 mL x 2) of midazolam is located on the emergency cart or is located with the main controlled drugs and substances inventory and dedicated to the emergency cart (i.e. labelled "Emergency Use Only"). Targeted substances (e.g. benzodiazepines) must be stored in a secure environment and reasonable steps must be taken to protect any targeted substance from loss and theft. Therefore benzodiazepines and other targeted substances located on the emergency cart must be stored in a locked compartment or drawer of the emergency cart and counted as part of the start and end of day controlled drugs and substances counts. If this medication is stored with the main inventory, then the medication storage tray compartment for midazolam is labelled and redirects the team to the main inventory.</i></p>
AEM1.3.20	<p>M Magnesium sulfate. <i>Guidance: A minimum of two (2) vials (5 g/10 mL) for a total of 10 grams is stocked on the cart.</i></p>
AEM1.3.21	<p>M Morphine. <i>Guidance: A minimum of two (2) vials and a minimum of 10 mg (i.e. 1mg/mL x 10, 2mg/mL x 5, 5 mg/mL x2, 10 mg/mL x2) is located on the emergency cart or is located with the main controlled drugs and substances inventory and dedicated to the emergency cart (i.e. labelled "Emergency Use Only")</i></p>

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AEM1.4.2	M IV infusion pump tubing/administration sets. <i>Guidance: At minimum, two (2) infusion pump tubing sets without access ports and compatible with the IV infusion pump are stocked on the cart for vasopressor and/or inotrope infusion(s). If a syringe pump is used, two (2) syringes compatible with the syringe pump are stocked on the cart.</i>
AEM1.4.3	M Normal saline. <i>Guidance: Any combination of 500 mL and 1000 mL bags totalling two liters of normal saline is stocked on the cart.</i>
AEM1.4.4	M 5% Dextrose in water. <i>Guidance: At minimum, one (1) 250 mL bag of D5W is stocked on the cart for an amiodarone infusion.</i>
AEM1.4.5	M

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Revision history

Date	Revisions
June 28, 2019	<p>Airway equipment: ET tube sizes revised.</p> <p>Medications: New medications added. Minimum quantities specified. Manufacturer pre-filled syringes required for some medications.</p> <p>IV and medication preparation equipment: Intraosseous driver and needles added.</p> <p>Additional supplies: Blood pressure equipment added. Intravenous infusion pump readily available. Scalpel bougie set as an alternate to a cuffed cricothyrotomy set.</p> <p>Other: Substantial format changes and guidance added. Some supplies have been removed.</p>
January, 2023	<p>Medications: NEW Choice of neuromuscular blocking agent. NEW AEM 1.3.28 Rocuronium. NEW AEM 1.3.29 Sugammadex.</p>