

# Northern Virginia Emergency Medical Services Council Meeting Minutes

EMS/Pharmacy Committee  
November 30, 2023  
1:00 pm



VIA ZOOM

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**Meeting Called to Order – 9:30 am**

**Medication Shortages**

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- Cindy Easterline Inova advised there are no current shortages
- Millie Deya from UVA Community Health – shortage of promethazine injections. They are not able to procure the brand they're allowed to buy so they are short at PW/Haymarket
  - They have the same issue at Inova so they stopped using it in the hospital. If EMS still uses it, they have some on hand.

**New pharmaceutical requests**

- Arlington – Cefazolin 1 gm vials (requires diluent) and droperidol 5mg/2ml inj (Getting at VHC now)
  - Consensus to add to the drug sheet
- Loudoun – Levophed 8mg/250ml D5W (Getting at Lansdowne now)
  - It's currently on the sheet as norepinephrine per Kate Kramer as 4mg/4ml, so we can add the secondary concentration
  - HCA does not carry pre-mixed products; they compound them. They would have to give them vials because they can't give them stability
- TXA concentration change – 1g/100ml pre-mixed bag
  - Again, HCA does not carry pre-mixed products so they would have to give them vials
  - Consensus to add to the drug sheet
- Acetaminophen change add 160mg/5mg suspension

**EMS Pharmacy Billing**

- Meena Morgan from Inova Fairfax - They are charging for volume medications, not single drugs here and there
  - If they decide to do it for everyone, they'll notify everyone in advance

**Controlled substance one-for-one exchange**

- We can't do a one-for-one exchange of Schedule VI drugs, but an agency can do them

**Did pharmacists hear about the FDA drug tracking starting in November 2024?**

- Gil Abernathy stated that the Drug Supply Chain Security Act (DSCSA) started in November 2023, but the FDA won't be citing anyone until November 2024.
  - <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-supply-chain-integrity/drug-supply-chain-security-act-dscsa>

**NVEMSC Board of Directors Meeting**

- The Board meeting will be next Thursday, December 7, 2023, and will be in person.
- The Virginia Board of Pharmacy will attend to give information about the Controlled Substance Registration concerns and answer questions about this topic starting at 11 am. All pharmacists are invited to participate in person.
  - Meena Morgan advised that most of the pharmacists would be flying back from a conference that day, and the only possibility would be for them to dial into a Zoom option since they didn't have advance notice.
- Kate Kramer asked if there is a virtual option for everyone since BOP is doing Zoom.
  - Ray said there wouldn't be, but he could let her in.

**Open Forum**

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- Gill asked if the Council will receive some word if the DEA regulations get approved. Do we get that from someone?
  - If someone gets them, please pass them around so we can be sure everyone sees them.
- The State Medical Direction Committee has discussed how they approach Schedule VI drugs.
  - Gill asked if you could form a question and ask the BOP to address the current regulations and why and whether they'll change them.
  - Ray said we can send the questions to Ron Passmore before the meeting next week if they have the questions crafted out.

**Upcoming Meetings for 2024**

- March 7, 2024, 10a – 12p
- June 12, 2024
- September 5, 2024
- December 5, 2024 - This meeting must be changed because Pharmacists will be at a conference in California on that date.

**The meeting adjourned at 10:32 am**

**CERTIFICATION OF PHARMACY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Northern Virginia EMS Council  
7250 Heritage Village Plaza, Ste. 102  
Gainesville, VA 20155

I, Laura Vandegrift, Administrative Coordinator of the Northern Virginia EMS Council, certify that the above minutes are a true and correct transcript of the minutes of a meeting of the Pharmacy Committee of the Northern Virginia EMS Council held via Zoom on November 30, 2023, and that the meeting was duly called and held in all respects in accordance with the laws of the state of Virginia and bylaws of the corporation and that a quorum was present. The minutes were officially approved at the March 7, 2024, meeting of the Pharmacy Committee of the Northern Virginia EMS Council.

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Laura Vandegrift

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