

<b>KITTITAS COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES</b>				
<b>OPERATIONAL POLICY</b>	EFFECTIVE DATE: April 3, 2014	NUMBER: 6	SUPERSEDES DATE: July 7, 2007	PAGE: 1
SUBJECT: <b>PROCUREMENT AND HANDLING OF EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS</b>				

**I. PURPOSE**

Under the medical license of the Medical Program Director, BLS licensed ambulance, aid and *affiliated level* EMS services are authorized to obtain and maintain the adult and junior Epinephrine Auto-injectors through *a preapproved vender*.

**II. PROCEDURE**

- A. Submit a written (email) request with vendor’s “prescription item ordering authorization” form to the Kittitas County EMS Division to receive MPD approval and vender authorization.
- B. Storage and Disposal Guidelines
  - 1. Epinephrine breaks down under high temperatures. All licensed services should provide insulated storage in vehicle away from outer walls and insulated with Styrofoam or other product to keep the auto-injectors as close to room temperature as possible.
  - 2. Auto-injectors should be stored in a secure compartment.
  - 3. Auto-injectors are a “Sharp’s” and should be disposed of in a “Sharp’s Container” and handled in accordance with requirements found in WAC 296-62.

**APPROVED BY KITTITAS COUNTY MPD:**  
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