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MEMORANDUM TO: Municipal EMS Directors and Managers
CAOs of Upper Tier Municipalities and
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FROM: Malcolm Bates
Director
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RE: **Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) Standard
Revised Implementation Date**

Further to my memo dated June 18, 2007, I am writing to advise you of a change in the implementation date of the revised Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) Standard and the new DNR Confirmation Form. This change was deemed necessary after several Municipal EMS Operators indicated to the Ministry that the training of their staff to the revised Standard may not be accomplished prior to the previously communicated effective date of November 1, 2007.

As such, the effective date for the province-wide implementation of the DNR Standard (as referenced in the *BLS Patient Care Standards - Section 1, Version 2.1 February 2008*) and DNR Confirmation Form has been extended to February 1, 2008.

Training materials for the revised DNR Standard and new DNR Confirmation Form will be distributed shortly.

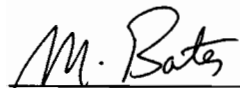
The DNR Confirmation Form will be available to view online at www.gov.on.ca in the "Resources - Forms" area by November 1, 2007. This will give health care providers and institutions time to order the forms prior to February 1, 2008. Please note that until January 31, 2008, paramedics can only accept the current DNR/Validity Order Form. Beginning February 1, 2008, paramedics will accept only the new DNR Confirmation Form in cases where DNR is part of a patient's current treatment plan.

**Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) Standard
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As indicated in my previous memo, Section 1 of the Basic Life Support Patient Care Standards, an updated Table of Contents and a cover page for version 2.1 will be reprinted. Sufficient quantities will be forwarded to you so that you can provide a copy to every paramedic in your service.

Please note that this revised Standard will be included in the June 2008 (and future) offerings of the Advanced Emergency Medical Care Assistant (AEMCA) examination.

If you have any questions regarding the implementation of the DNR Standard, please contact Ms. Cathy Francis, Manager of Education and Patient Care Standards at (416) 327-7843.



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