



Southern Tier Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee

Policy Statement:
Optional CFR Skills

Policy # 04-01

Subject: **Optional CFR Skills**

Issued:
Supercedes: None

Background: NYS CFR curriculum and protocols have significantly changed recently. Due to the nature of the STREMS region (distances, weather, prolonged transport times and other factors), NYS Certified First Responders may find themselves in situations where a patient may benefit from more care than that authorized by NYS CFR protocols and immediately available.

Policy: Consistent with the NYS CFR protocols, the STREMAC, with its authority as a REMAC, does hereby authorize the optional training of and use of the following skills by STREMS Region NYS CFRs:

1. Vital signs, to include blood pressure, pulse and respiration
2. Level of consciousness (GCS/**AVPU**)
3. Importance of serial/repeat vital signs
4. Rapid extrication and non-rapid extrication
5. Immobilization, including backboard/short board/C-collar use

STREMS' region NYS CFRs are NOT required to perform these skills nor is their training to occur as a requirement within a NYS CFR Course. STREMS' region NYS CFRs are authorized perform any or all of the above identified skills if appropriately trained, and authorized to do so by their service medical director.

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