

	<p>Southern Tier Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee</p> <p>Policy Statement</p>	<p>Policy # 99-03</p> <p>Subject: New Treatment/Procedure/ Equipment Policy</p> <p>Issued: <i>May 20, 1999</i></p> <p>Supersedes: <i>none</i></p>
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Purpose: To establish a guideline for an EMS agency that is desirous of initiating a new treatment, procedure(s), implementing the use of new equipment or allowing a provider to perform a skill not currently authorized by that provider level scope of practice. This will insure the new treatment, procedure(s), equipment or skill is used within the regionally approved scope of practice of the agency's providers and consistent with the Southern Tier Regional EMS prehospital protocols.

Policy: Any EMS agency that wishes to utilize a new:

1. medical treatment
2. procedure
3. piece of equipment
4. skill not currently authorized by a provider's scope of practice

which has previously not been used by that agency or provider level within the Southern Tier Region, shall obtain from the Southern Tier Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee, authorization to do so before its use is initiated.

To obtain authorization for use of the new treatment, procedure, skill or equipment from the Southern Tier Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee, the agency's Service Medical Director must present the case to the STREMAC.

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