**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** All MA Licensed Ambulance Services and MA Accredited EMT Training Institutions

**CC:** EMCAB Members

**FROM:** Dr. Jonathan Burstein, State Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Medical Director

**DATE:** December 12, 2019

**RE:** Emergency Release of Protocol 2.20 Home Hemodialysis Emergency Disconnect

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**Emergency Update to Statewide Treatment Protocols, Protocol 2.20 Home Hemodialysis Emergency Disconnect**

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health’s Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) is releasing this protocol to provide guidance to the EMS provider for emergency management of a patient using a home dialysis machine. The most important items to remember are to

1. Stop the machine,
2. Clamp the arterial and venous lines (usually leaving them IN the patient’s shunt),
3. Disconnect the machine from the patient, and
4. Leave the machine at the patient’s home.
5. During this process, of course, provide care for the patient’s complaint

* New Protocol 2.20

Please share this with your affiliate hospital medical directors. If you have any questions, please contact Patricia Reilly, at [patricia.reilly@state.ma.us, or](mailto:patricia.reilly@state.ma.us,%20or) Renee Atherton, at [renee.atherton@state.ma.us](mailto:renee.atherton@state.ma.us).