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To: Connecticut EMS Organizations
Connecticut EMS Care providers

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Re: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

As a reminder to all prehospital care providers it is usual practice to utilize surgical masks on patients whom you suspect of having an infectious disease where there is the potential for exposure from droplets.

Patients with flu-like illness would a good example of who to place a surgical mask on. If they are receiving O₂ via mask then a surgical mask is not necessary.

Usual PPE may include disposable gloves, gowns, masks, and eye protection as necessary, dependant upon the patient's condition and interventions with the patient.

As a final reminder proper decontamination of ambulance equipment and patient surfaces will likely decreasing germ and viral spread as will good hand washing and doing it often.

For additional information consult with your organizations policy manual, training officer or PPE instructor.



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