



**North Country
Regional Emergency Medical
Advisory Committee**

Policy Statement

Serving: St. Lawrence, Jefferson, and Lewis Counties

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Re: Nitronox Requirements

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The North Country REMAC has established this policy to maintain consistency regarding the utilization of Nitronox throughout our region. Nitronox provides agencies with an acceptable alternative to narcotics and has been approved for patients experiencing pain due to musculoskeletal injuries, burns (without airway involvement), abdominal pain (without suspected obstruction), kidney stones, renal colic, and cancer pain.

In an effort to minimize the potential abuse that can occur with this medication, the NC REMAC requires the following controls be maintained by every agency that opts to carry Nitronox.

- 1) The Nitronox unit is secured in such a manner that no medication can be delivered without breaking a serial numbered seal/tag.
- 2) The agency incorporates the NC REMAC Nitronox Inventory Control Sheet into their routine inspection program. A separate Inventory Control Sheet will be required for each Nitronox unit.
- 3) All spare cylinders containing Nitrous Oxide shall be secured in such a manner that no medication can be delivered without breaking a serial numbered seal/tag. The agency must implement some method that tracks these serials numbered seals/tags.
- 4) The agency must assure that this medication, like all medications, is secured, accounted for and some standardized method is established to enforce this accountability. Any unexplained loss requires that an agency incident report is completed and an investigation is completed.

Any agency that wishes to carry this optional medication is required to contact the NCEMS office to inform them of their plan and assure that they are in compliance with the intent of this policy.

All ALS providers are required to successfully complete the regional Nitronox educational program, quiz and regional contract prior to utilizing this medication.