



Westchester REMAC

WESTCHESTER REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE POLICY STATEMENT

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Submission of Advanced Airway PCRs for REMAC Quality Committee Review

PURPOSE

To establish a regional quality review process for selected advanced airway interventions performed by Westchester Regional EMS agencies.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the highest standards of airway management in Westchester by requiring timely submission of patient care reports involving high-risk airway procedures to the Westchester REMAC Quality Committee.

BACKGROUND

Advanced airway management is a critical and high-risk component of prehospital care. Interventions such as rapid sequence intubation, medication-facilitated intubation, and the use of supraglottic airway devices require ongoing review to support patient safety, clinical excellence, protocol compliance, and system-wide quality improvement.

Airway management cases provide important opportunities to evaluate clinical decision-making, medication use, procedural success, complications, documentation, and patient outcomes. Regional review of these cases allows the Westchester REMAC Quality Committee to identify trends, support EMS agencies and providers, and recommend education or system improvements when appropriate.

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RSI and MFI

All Westchester Regional EMS agencies shall submit patient care reports within **30 calendar days** to the Westchester REMAC Quality Committee for review when any of the following criteria are met:

1. Rapid Sequence Intubation

- Any case involving successful or attempted RSI, including the use of a paralytic medication to facilitate endotracheal intubation.

2. Medication-Facilitated Intubation

- Any case involving successful or attempted intubation facilitated by sedative, dissociative, or other medication administration, without the use of a paralytic medication.

Agency Responsibilities

- Each EMS agency shall ensure that providers document all airway interventions completely and accurately in the patient care report. Documentation should include number of attempts, intubation method (video vs direct), and pre and post procedural vitals.
- Each EMS agency shall establish an internal process to identify cases meeting the criteria of this policy and ensure timely forwarding to the Westchester REMAC Quality Committee.
- Submission of a PCR under this policy is intended for quality improvement review and does not by itself imply improper care or deviation from protocol.
- The REMAC quality committee may request additional data and case presentation by the EMS agency in a quality committee meeting. It is expected that the EMS agency will retain their monitor records for any case that meets the above criteria.

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BLS Supraglottic

All Westchester Regionally SGA approved EMS agencies shall submit yearly total volumes of attempts and outcomes for:

Any case in which a Basic Life Support provider places or attempts placement of a supraglottic airway device.



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REMAC QUALITY COMMITTEE REVIEW

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The Westchester REMAC Quality Committee shall review submitted cases for the purpose of regional quality assurance and quality improvement.

The review may include assessment of:

- Appropriateness of airway intervention.
- Compliance with applicable New York State and regional protocols.
- Medication selection and dosing.
- Procedural technique and number of attempts.
- Confirmation and monitoring of airway placement.
- Documentation completeness.
- Complications or adverse events.
- Opportunities for provider, agency, or regional education.

The REMAC Quality Committee may provide feedback to the submitting agency, identify regional trends, and recommend additional education, remediation, protocol clarification, or policy changes as appropriate.

CONFIDENTIALITY

All PCRs and case materials submitted under this policy shall be handled as confidential quality assurance and quality improvement materials to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, regulation, and REMAC policy.

Case review materials shall be used only for quality improvement, education, protocol compliance, and patient safety purposes.

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EFFECTIVE DATE

This policy shall take effect on August 1, 2026

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