MEDICAL CONTROL GUIDELINE: MEDICATION ORDERS AND ADMINISTRATION

PRINCIPLES:

1. A complete and accurate medication order is essential for patient care.

2. Closed-loop communication (repeating orders back to the base hospital) reduces medication errors.

GUIDELINES:

1. Base Hospitals must provide complete medication orders to include:
   a. Name of the medication
   b. Dose (adults in mg and in pediatric patients mg and mL to be delivered)
   c. Route of administration
      i. Inhalation (IH)
      ii. Intravenous (IV)
      iii. Intravenous Piggy-Back (IVPB)
      iv. Intramuscular (IM) – in a large muscle group; lateral thigh for pediatrics
      v. Intranasal (IN)
      vi. Intraosseous (IO)
      vii. Orally Disintegrating Tablet (ODT)
      viii. Per Os (PO)
      ix. Sublingual (SL)
   d. Frequency of administration, if applicable

2. Paramedics are to repeat complete orders back to the base hospital.

3. PRN orders should have indications for administration.