



UNIFIED FIRE AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

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TO: All Personnel

FROM: EMS & Logistics Division

SUBJECT: IV Fluid Shortage

Due to hurricanes that have caused damage to IV fluid manufacturing facilities in the southeastern United States, there is currently a nationwide shortage of IV fluid. Our vendor has initiated rationing to ensure that available supplies are distributed evenly. Until manufacturing can resume, UFA will receive the following quantities every 6 days:

34 x 1000 cc NS

45 x 500 cc NS

1 x 100 cc NS

5 x D10

As a result, please be conscientious about IV fluid usage and reserve it for situations where it's truly necessary. If a saline lock is appropriate, please utilize that instead of a “tko” bag of NS. If a patient does not require fluid therapy, please consider allowing fluid therapy to occur at the hospital if appropriate.

With these rationed supplies, Logistics is confident that we can maintain our stock. However, if we get to a point where we need to utilize expired NS, the state does allow its use. Do not use expired NS solutions until we have exhausted our current supply of non-expired. Also, please return any expired NS to Logistics.

If you experience shortages of NS fluid, communicate through your chain of command. Logistics and EMS Division will make supply or protocol adjustments if necessary.

For questions about EMS protocols related to fluid therapy (and D10 administration), please contact [Amanda Lawrence](#).