

OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR



Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: September 13, 2005
TO: All System Personnel
FROM: Laurie Romig, MD, FACEP
Medical Director
RE: Ammonia Inhalants

Effective immediately, ammonia inhalants are being deleted from the system. All ammonia inhalants are to be removed from vehicles, stations and warehouses. Please return to Sunstar Materials.

During the course of routine review of system equipment, it has been determined that there is very little to no clinical indication for the use of ammonia inhalants. In fact, when we performed an internet survey, the vast majority of EMS systems that responded do not carry them and feel that they do carry some risk of abuse. The Medical Control Board has agreed; therefore, we are taking this action. This is NOT a result of any specific incident.

Please direct any questions to the OMD at 582-2035.