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There have been numerous concerns, brought to our attention from field clinicians and hospital personnel, about the effectiveness and quality of the Sta-Blok head blocks currently utilized in the system. I can assure you the concerns have not been ignored. None of the concerns were related to patient safety or exhibited a negative patient impact necessitating an immediate removal from the system. The EMS Equipment Committee researched alternative products and narrowed the options down to one product, which was subsequently evaluated in the system with very positive reviews. The new product, Multi-Grip, manufactured by iTec, is the new head block product that will be utilized in the system.

The following is a link to the manufacturer's website. The website shows the product and has a two minute training video that goes over how to apply and secure the product:

<http://itecems.com/multigrip.html>

The training video is a You Tube video that can also be accessed through the You Tube website as well.

Multi-grip comes in three sizes. Our system will only be carrying the adult version right now. Advantages of the new product are as follows:

- Provide a larger surface area for stabilizing the head and neck
- No adhesive on the pad of the head blocks.
- Adhesive only on the two individual straps utilized to secure the head blocks in place.

Field personnel will still need to remain very cognizant of patients with long hair, ensuring that all hair is clear of the adhesive straps prior to application to the board.

The new Multi-Grip product will enter the system as existing stock of the Sta-Blok head blocks is expended. Please ensure that your agency stock (warehouse, station and vehicle) of the Sta-Bloks is expended prior to implementation of the new Multi-Grip product.

This information is being included in the March Online CME, but your agency personnel may see the product prior to attending CME. Please share this information with all personnel.

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