

# EMS NEWS

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## MAD

The Mucosal Atomization Device (MAD) has been approved for patient exchange and placed in Par E.

In the package is the atomizer "tip" you will need. When you are going to administer intranasal Narcan or rectal Valium, take a 3cc syringe and draw up the appropriate dose of medication.

Replace the needle you used to draw up the medication with the atomizer "tip", then administer to the patient.

If you need to order a supply of the MAD devices, please call Donna at 301-790-8378 or Sharon at 301-790-8353.



## EMS Administrative Specialist Position

Effective the beginning of July, there is a change in my position with the EMS Support Program.

As part of the Human Resource Development Department (Education Dept), the majority of my time will be spent coordinating American Heart Association classes for Washington County Hospital. Along with ACLS and BLS courses, we will begin offering PALS classes.

I will continue to assist you with obtaining supplies, as well as acting as liaison for any questions or concerns you have. All quality assurance and quality improvement issues will be handled by Dr. Kotch.

At the present time, my office location and telephone number are the same. I can be reached at 301-790-8378. We will still be sending our newsletter every other month, so I'll be talking with you. Take care.

*Donna Carey*

Below is a puzzle based on the respiratory system.  
Can you find all of the hidden words?

Y	S	Q	V	U	Y	L	S	E	R	A	N	E	Y	Y
T	I	V	R	B	T	A	E	T	M	V	W	P	R	S
I	S	Z	A	R	I	E	M	A	R	O	D	I	A	I
C	O	S	I	O	V	H	U	L	E	C	E	G	N	R
A	L	U	N	N	A	C	L	A	S	A	N	L	O	U
P	U	R	P	C	C	A	O	P	P	L	O	O	M	E
A	C	F	A	H	L	R	V	T	I	C	B	T	L	L
C	R	A	C	I	A	T	L	F	R	O	D	T	U	P
L	E	C	R	T	S	O	A	O	A	R	I	I	P	X
A	B	T	E	I	A	D	D	S	T	D	O	S	D	N
T	U	A	P	S	N	N	I	N	O	S	Y	L	G	Y
I	T	N	Y	S	F	E	T	B	R	J	H	U	P	R
V	O	T	H	Y	E	B	E	D	Y	S	P	N	E	A
A	I	N	O	M	U	E	N	P	G	K	X	G	O	H
E	S	O	P	H	A	G	U	S	H	C	R	O	U	P

- Bronchitis
- Croup
- Dyspnea
- Endotracheal
- Epiglottis
- Esophagus
- Hyoid Bone
- Hypercapnia
- Lung
- Nares
- Nasal Cannula
- Nasal Cavity

- Pharynx
- Pleurisy
- Pneumonia
- Pulmonary
- Respiratory
- Soft Palate
- Surfactant
- Tidal Volume
- Trachea
- Tuberculosis
- Vital Capacity
- Vocal Cords

### ET blades in Pyxis

We are seeking final approval of the hospital policy regarding the cleaning of prehospital laryngoscope blades. A copy of the final policy will be provided to each EMS company participating in the program.

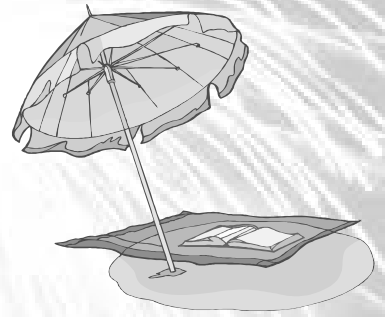
When you arrive at the hospital you will place the contaminated blade in the marked red container in the ED dirty utility room and get a clean blade in Pyxis.

The blades will be returned from Central Processing in a plastic bag with the size of the blade on the bag.

Keep in mind that the only blade you should remove is the one you placed in the red basket for sterilization. If you need "extra" blades, they are to be obtained back at your station.

All County companies with the exception of **Company 26** and **Company 69** are participating with exchanging blades. If a provider is working for these companies and removes a blade, it will be their responsibility to replace the blade.

Also, it is the responsibility of EMS to ensure all blades are properly marked and the light bulb is working. If you need assistance, see Sharon Venczak or Donna Carey.



# FYI

There is a very interesting article in the

April 2004  
EMS Magazine

about "Professional Etiquette". If you get a chance, take a look.



## Medication Pyxis

- ◆ The Pyxis medication station has been changed when removing Morphine and Valium.

You must now count the number of remaining medications and enter in the number. The machine will no longer prompt you on how many are left.

This blind count has been done due to numerous discrepancies with the narcotics. Please be aware of the importance of medication accountability.
- ◆ Reminder to make sure to log onto the Medication Pyxis station periodically, even if you don't need any medications. This will keep your status active.

## EMAIS Update

From Kevin Combs, MIEMSS

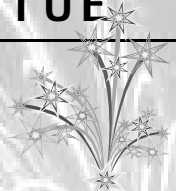

Testing of the software enhancements and bug corrections will be completed by 6/11/2004. If additional issues are not encountered, the following rollout schedule for EMAIS will be used:

- 6/15/2004** EMAIS production server with enhancements and fixes will be online. The enhancements require that all existing data in the database (patient records) be purged/removed from the database. The old records (those entered prior to 6/15/2004) will still be available online through a separate URL. This should not be a major issue since runsheets are still being filled out by the providers in addition to entering the data into the EMAIS system. Records entered prior to 6/15/2004 will be available until 7/1/2004 when they will be removed from the server.
- 6/30/2004** Assuming no major problems are discovered between 6/15/2004 and 6/29/2004, the EMAIS production system will be off-line on Wednesday, June 30th, 2004 for about eight hours. Notices will be posted on the EMAIS login screen noting the status. The production server is scheduled to be back-up no later than 0800 hrs. on 7/1/2004. Once again, any records entered into the EMAIS system between 6/15/2004 and 6/29/2004 will be removed from the production server, but will be available through a separate URL. Records entered between 6/15/2004 and 6/29/2004 will be available online until 8/1/2004 when they will be removed from the server.
- 7/1/2004** EMAIS is now in production mode and providers are no longer required to fill out a MAIS runsheet/additional narrative. All EMS data is now exclusively entered into the EMAIS system.

To access records entered prior to 6/15/2004, providers will have access to the following website address: [www.miemss.org/emaiss\\_pilot](http://www.miemss.org/emaiss_pilot) Providers cannot enter new records on this site.

To enter new records, they should use the [www.miemss.org/emaiss](http://www.miemss.org/emaiss) website address.

# July 2004

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 ○ Full Moon	3 Antietam Battlefield fireworks
4  Independence Day	5	6	7	8	9	10
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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29	30 ○ Full Moon	31	