

Patient Safety Notice

Date: 24/12/2014

Re: **Cessation of sedation of mental health patients per CPG**

At the November meeting of the Medical Advisory Committee (MAC) a decision was made to cease the practice of sedation of mental health patients per CPG as there is a doubt in relation to the legality of this practice.

The Midazolam and Lorazepam options on the CPG are to be replaced with 'consult with medical oversight' if in the clinical judgment of the advanced paramedic, sedation may be required.

This directive applies to all advanced paramedics and mental health patients.

The specific CPG involved is;

- 6.4.29 Mental Health Emergency

Signed on behalf of PHECC;



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