

MEMORANDUM

TO: Toronto Paramedic Services

FROM: Dr. Rick Verbeek, Medical Director

DATE: May 5, 2021

RE: **Paramedic Education for Authorization of the Assessment of Patients with Possible COVID-19 Auxiliary Medical Directive**

On November 23, 2020 the Advanced Life Support Patient Care Standards version 4.8 came into force, including the Assessment of Patients with Possible COVID-19 Auxiliary Medical Directive for implementation by paramedics that have been authorized by their Regional Base Hospital, to treat and release specific patients who have screened positive or have confirmed COVID-19.

This Auxiliary Medical Directive has been created to assist paramedics in managing the health care system capacity during this pandemic.

By completing the online training, and a short knowledge assessment, the paramedic will be eligible for authorization in use of the Directive during their practice.

In order to be successful, you are required to complete all modules and pass the Knowledge Assessment with a minimum score of 70%

To complete this course, click this link, <https://paramedicportalontario.ca/course/view.php?id=1468> and log into the Paramedic Portal of Ontario.

All components of the education must be successfully completed to be eligible for authorization under the medical directive.

Paramedics are not authorized to apply the Assessment of Patients with Possible COVID-19 Auxiliary Medical Directive until they are informed by the Base Hospital and Service that the directive is in effect.

Based on local needs, the Medical Directive may be authorized for use by paramedics. The local situation will be reviewed on regular basis and the Directive may be "turned off" or "turned on" as needed. Any changes will be communicated via Memo.

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Please complete the training no later than **June 15, 2021** in order to ensure the Directive can be authorized as soon as needed.

For questions related to the Paramedic Portal, please contact paramedic.portal@sunnybrook.ca

If you have any questions related to the directive, please contact Scott Gorsline at scott.gorsline@sunnybrook.ca

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Verbeek', with a stylized flourish at the end.

P. Richard Verbeek, MD, FRCPC
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