



## McHenry Western Lake County EMS System System Memo #12

**To: MWLC EMS PROVIDERS**

**From: MWLC EMS SYSTEM**

**Date: 11/20/2023**

**RE: Ketamine Shortage**

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Due to a nationwide shortage of Ketamine, McHenry Western Lake County Emergency Medical Services System (MWLC EMSS) is requesting the following practice changes.

Currently MWLC EMSS NM Northwest Region supply of Ketamine is exhausted.

Remove all Ketamine from ALS Non-Transport vehicles (ALS N/T), when Ketamine supply on ambulance is exhausted.

Ketamine taken from ALS N/Ts shall be placed on the ambulance at the same location when possible.

Documentation on narcotic log shall include the transfer of vial # from ALS N/T to ambulance narcotic log in which ketamine will be stored.

If unable to replace Ketamine narcotic log shall reflect unable to replace due to shortage.

Inform the MWLC EMSS associate EMS coordinator, Cindy Tabert, if Ketamine is not replaced. This will be utilized for resupply when Ketamine is available.

Ketamine can be used up until the expiration date.

When Ketamine supply returns to stable level, MWLC EMSS will contact agencies to begin the process of resupply.

### **Per SOP Emergency Drug Alternatives:**

Midazolam will be used for sedation and seizure management in lieu of Ketamine.

Etomidate to be used for DAI in Lieu of Ketamine

Please contact MWLC EMSS with questions or concerns.

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