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To: CSEMS Council EMS Agencies
From: Matt Lawler, Assistant Director *ML*
Re: Cyanokit®

The Medical Control Review Committee of the Central Shenandoah EMS Council is pleased to announce the adoption of the Cyanokit® for the treatment of cyanide poisonings. Cyanide is an extremely toxic poison. In the absence of rapid and adequate treatment, exposure to a high dose of cyanide can result in death within minutes. The active ingredient in the Cyanokit® forms a strong bond with cyanide, converting it to a vitamin which can then be safely excreted from the body. It is designed specifically to be used on the scene or at the hospital for acute cyanide poisoning from any source.

The regional protocols have been updated with the new protocol and drug sheet. You can view and download the protocols at <http://www.csems.vaems.org/protocols/>.

The use of the Cyanokit® is agency-optional. You should discuss the use and adoption of this kit with your operational medical director.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

cc: Regional Operational Medical Directors