

MEMO

To: Field Personnel



From: Doug Swanson, MD, FACEP, FAEMS
Medical Director, Mecklenburg EMS Agency

Date: 08/10/2021

Re: CPAP recap

Several months ago, beyond our control a change was necessary from our traditional Flo-Safe® to the current Go-PAP® CPAP device

- The change was necessary, due to supply shortages, our distributors could no longer provide us with an adequate supply
- Extensive research was conducted by Logistic and EQS team members and the only other device available for the prehospital setting is the Go-PAP®
- The Go-PAP® masks were reviewed by the EQS team in addition to receiving feedback from a number of agencies who were currently using the product with no concerns identified

Currently, distributors remain unable to provide adequate par levels of masks to enable to a full return to the Flo-Safe®

- The intent is to return to the Flo-Safe® once supplies can be guaranteed for a continuing – we continue to source availability

Go-PAP® Reminders

- If you are not fully comfortable with the GoPAP® device, please review the educational materials/video available on the LMS
- There two sizes of masks – each uses the same circuit
- Items are packaged from the manufacturer A) medium mask with circuit and B) large mask by itself
- The medium mask will appropriately fit 90% of adult patients – start with the medium mask which comes with circuit packaged with mask
 - Ensure you are opening the package with the mask and circuit
- If the large size mask is needed, switch to the large, utilizing the same circuit that was with the medium mask



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- Stocking (carry-in bag)
 - One medium Go-PAP® mask/circuit package (equivalent to Flo-safe® small)
 - One large Go-PAP® mask package (equivalent to Flo-Safe® large)
- Stocking (ambulance – C shelf 2)
 - One medium Go-PAP® mask/circuit package (Flo-safe® small)
 - One large Go-PAP® mask package (Flo-Safe® large)

Caveats

- Either myself or our EMS Fellow review 100% of priority-1 transports which include the overwhelming majority (if not 100%) of cases utilizing prehospital CPAP
- There are **NO** cases demonstrating harm to a patient by utilizing the Go-PAP® device
 - There are cases of patients who do not experience significant benefit from the Go-PAP® or do not tolerate the mask, however that rate is no different from what we have seen with other CPAP devices in the past
 - Though the vast majority of patients show improvement, CPAP is not a 100% guaranteed improvement therapy – via any delivery method, including BiPAP in the emergency department
- Should you encounter a patient experience with difficulty associated with the device, please report as soon as possible to your supervisor and the medical director so that we may accurately track and review any occurrence for potential patient impact

Thank you!