



GENERAL ORDER

Discontinue Use of Promethazine

Date: October 3, 2018

Number: 18.075

Effective Date: October 3, 2018

Expiration Date: N/A

Approved By: Darren L. Stevens, Fire Rescue Chief

With the recent drug shortages in the nation, the pharmacy has not been able to restock Promethazine in the concentration that we currently use. It has been observed that the currently available Promethazine is for IM injection only. Due to this fact, Promethazine shall be immediately removed from our units until the following occurs:

- A new protocol is developed on the administration of Promethazine IM
- Providers are trained in the delivery of the medication
- We can ensure the logistics of maintaining the medication in supply

Until the new protocol is released, Ondansetron (Zofran) will be the first line medication for protocols 28 - Abdominal pain, 40 - Nausea/Vomiting.

All of the Promethazine shall be returned to the pharmacy by 1700 hours on Friday, October 5, 2018. Please contact the on-duty Battalion Chief for assistance if needed.

Questions regarding this general order should be directed to Battalion Chief Arft.