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New Update to Protocol 36 -- Pandemic/Epidemic/Outbreak (Officially Enacted Triage)

In the last two weeks, the Ambulance Trusts in the United Kingdom have enacted the use of Protocol 36, beginning the triage of patients in order to potentially modify ambulance response schemes and refer flu patients to other available, non-mobile, resources. The IAED has received some valuable feedback from the UK about the Protocol 36 operation in the live environment. Concurrently, the Academy's experts have done extensive testing of the internal logic to further streamline Protocol 36.

As a result, the following changes have been made:

- 1) A new answer choice "Asthma-related (no difficulty speaking between breaths)" has been added to the Key Question "Describe to me what her/his breathing is like."
- 2) Asthma has been added to Determinant Code 36-C-2: "**Abnormal breathing** with **single** flu symptom or **Asthma**."

This ProQA and manual card update for versions 12.0 and 11.3 is issued in various language and dialect versions – North American English, UK English, Australia/New Zealand English, US Spanish, German, French, and Italian. This update is now available through the Protocol 36 links located on the Academy's website:

www.emergencydispatch.org and the PDC website: www.prioritydispatch.net.

The **Protocol 36 – Special Procedures Briefing** document has also been updated and posted on the website.

Please check this website daily for the latest updates and releases of Protocol 36 and the Severe Respiratory Infection (Swine Flu) Symptoms checklist (SRI pop-up screen in ProQA).

The Academy will continue to stay at the forefront in providing the EMD and EMS community with the most current tools to address this pandemic and any subsequent depletion of resources and medical capacity.

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