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To Chief Executives and Medical directors of all UK NHS Ambulance Service Trusts

URGENT DRUG DOSE ERROR

A drug dose error within the 2013 JRCALC clinical guidelines has been brought to our attention. On page 327 of the reference version the initial IM dose of naloxone at birth is correctly listed as 40 micrograms, but the volume is incorrect by a factor of 5. It currently reads as 0.5ml but should read 0.1ml. The page for age and pocket book entries are correctly printed.

Please disseminate this information to your clinical staff as a matter of urgency.

The initial IM dose of naloxone at birth for respiratory arrest/extreme respiratory depression on page 327 of the 2013 guidelines should read as follows

Age	Initial dose	Repeat dose	Dose Interval	Concentration	Volume	Maximum dose
Birth	40 micrograms	See over	3 minutes	400 micrograms in 1 ml	0.1 ml	See below

Yours sincerely

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