

Non-Hospital Medical and Surgical
Facilities Accreditation Program

ACCREDITATION STANDARDS

Class 1 General
Anesthesia Facility
Emergency Cart

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Introduction

In accordance with the NHMSFAP Emergency Preparedness accreditation standard, non-hospital facilities are required to have an emergency cart that is stocked with emergency medications and equipment appropriate to the class of the facility. The emergency cart must be portable and located in a common patient care area. In addition, the emergency cart medications and equipment must be within their labelled expiry date, accessible and organized.



No.	Description
AEM1.0	EMERGENCY CART
AEM1.1	Emergency medications and equipment required of a class 1 facility are located on the emergency cart.
AEM1.1.1	M



No.	Description
AEM1.3.6	M Dextrose 50%. <i>Guidance: A minimum of two (2) 50 mL pre-filled syringes or vials (0.5 g/mL) totalling 50 grams are</i>



No.	Description
AEM1.3.19	M Midazolam. <i>Guidance: A minimum of two (2) vials and a minimum of 4 mg (i.e. 2 mg/2 mL x 2 vials, 5 mg/5 mL x 2) of midazolam is located on the emergency cart or is located with the main controlled drugs and substances inventory and dedicated to the emergency cart (i.e. labelled "Emergency Use Only"). Targeted substances (e.g. benzodiazepines) must be stored in a secure environment and reasonable steps must be taken to protect any targeted substance from loss and theft. Therefore benzodiazepines</i>



No.	Description	
AEM1.6.3	M	Intravenous infusion pump. <i>Guidance: There must be an intravenous infusion pump readily available within the facility. A syringe pump would also satisfy this requirement.</i>
AEM1.6.4	M	Scissors. <i>Guidance: Medical emergency scissors, also known as EMT Bandage Shears or Survival Shears, are stocked on the cart. These scissors are designed to provide powerful cutting ability and have a flat end to get safely under fabric (e.g. clothing, bandages).</i>
AEM1.6.5	M	Pen light.
AEM1.6.6	M	Sharps container. <i>Guidance: The sharps container should be located on the top of the cart or attached to the side of the cart.</i>



