



# Delaware County EMERGENCY SERVICES


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TO: All DCEMS Employees and Effected County EMS Providers

FROM: Chief Rob Farmer 

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RE: Ziprasidone (Geodon) and the 2006 Patient Care Guidelines

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Due to the concerns that have been brought up with the field mixing of Ziprasidone (Geodon), Captain Pugh consulted a number of additional resources, including our primary pharmacist at Grady, who confirms that it is not possible to obtain an adequate dissolution of the medication. **For that reason, immediately pull Ziprasidone (Geodon) from all DCEMS Emergency Vehicles, and turn it in to your Captain.**

On page 60 of the 2006 Patient Care Guidelines, Item 9 under "USE OF RESTRAINT:", please STRIKE item (a) that states: "Administer Ziprasidone (Geodon) – 10 mg IM." In addition, STRIKE item (c). I have attached a copy of how the protocol should look following these edits. Feel free to print this page and replace it in your hard copy protocols.

**IN A PATIENT WITH A BEHAVIORAL EMERGENCY WITH WHOM CHEMICAL RESTRAINT IS DEEMED NECESSARY, THE PROTOCOL SHOULD BE FOLLOWED AS WRITTEN WITH THE EDITS AS LISTED ABOVE.**

If you are represented by an agency outside of DCEMS, please feel free to contact my office with any questions. I will be actively working with the Delaware County EMS Medical Director to resolve the issue and come up with an alternative solution.