



To: All Local Authorities; All CDOs and ACDOs

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Implementation of 2021 PHECC CPGs

The Pre Hospital Emergency Care Council (PHECC) published the current Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPGs) on 31 August 2021. The PHECC [Council Policy](#) for implementation time frames of Clinical Practice Guidelines require that new CPGs are implemented fully within 18 months of release.

The 2021 CPGs introduced a significant number of changes/amendments to Practitioner CPGs and also introduced some new medications/skills at EMT level. There are minor changes in respect of PHECC CPGs at CFR, FAR and EFR Responders level.

The Civil Defence College provided Upskilling training materials for volunteers delivering pre-hospital care at EMT level.

All PHECC Responder Courses have been updated to include the changes, the training materials will be available through the LMS for Responder Instructors who have completed the online instructor recertification process.

PHECC Criteria: CPGs may be implemented provided:

1. The Practitioner is in good standing on the PHECC practitioner's **Register – Credentialed**.
2. The Responder maintains current certification as outlined in PHECC Education & Training Standards.
3. The Practitioner/Responder is acting on behalf of an organisation (paid or voluntary) that is approved by PHECC to implement the CPGs - **Licensed**.
4. The Practitioner is authorised by the organisation on whose behalf he/she is acting to implement the specific CPG – **Privileged**.
5. The Practitioner/Responder has completed training on, and is competent in, the skills and medications specified in the CPG being utilised

Practitioners who completed the 2021 CPG Upskilling may implement the 2021 CPGs.

If Civil Defence practitioners have completed the 2021 CPG Upskilling through another organisation, a copy of the certificate must be submitted to the Civil Defence College.





Practitioners who **have not** completed the 2021 CPG training, may continue to implement the 2017 CPGs until **28 February 2023**, is the PHECC 18-month deadline, after this date the 2017 CPGs are no longer valid and may not be used.

Civil Defence Officers and Practitioners must be aware that if the practitioner has not completed the 2021 CPG Upskilling, the practitioner cannot and will not be privileged to practice for Civil Defence.

2023 Medication Requisition document will issue to all Local Authority CDOs shortly – this requisition is required by Civil Defence Officers to order medications up to and including EMT level, in respect of the 2021 CPGs.

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