

## Western Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee

<b>Title: Viagra and Nitrates (Nitroglycerin) Policy</b>	<b>Effective Date: June 1998</b> <b>Page: 1 of 1</b>
<b>Policy #1998-4</b>	<b>Revised: May 2004</b>

<b>Policy:</b>	Because of the potential side effects of patients on Viagra receiving Nitrates, the following procedure is in effect.
<b>Procedure:</b>	<p>If a patient, male or female, presents with chest pain, one of the questions that needs to be asked is whether or not the patient has taken Viagra in the last 12 hours.</p> <p>If the patient has taken Viagra, and is having chest pain, medical control is to be contacted <b>BEFORE ADMINISTERING NITROGLYCERIN PER PROTOCOL.</b></p> <p>The administration of Nitroglycerin to a patient that has taken Viagra can result in severe refractory hypotension and must be carefully considered.</p>
<b>Reference:</b>	Memorandum sent out by Dr. Gregory E. Young to all agencies, June 25, 1998