

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## ERRATUM REGARDING AED USE IN CHILDREN

*To the Editor:*—This letter is to explain the “Erratum” related to “The Use of Automated External Defibrillators in Children”<sup>1</sup> published in this issue of *Prehospital Emergency Care*. The document is classified as Erratum so that it will be linked to the original paper, but it is in reality a clarification and technical update.

The technical update refers to the reference that a pediatric adapter to

decrease the delivered shock energy was available for one model of AED. The change reflects that such an adapter is now available for more than one model.

The clarification refers to the term “fixed” energy level. This was intended to refer to devices that could only deliver typical “adult” energy levels as opposed to also delivering reduced energy for pediatric patients. NAEMSP did not intend to endorse or recommend devices

with fixed versus escalating adult energy levels.

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## Reference

1. Markenson DS, Domeier RM, for the NAEMSP Pediatric Task Force and Clinical Practices Committee. The use of automated external defibrillators in children [position paper]. *Prehosp Emerg Care*. 2003;7:258-64.

## Erratum/Technical Update

Please note the following updates to the National Association of EMS Physicians position paper on the use of automated external defibrillators in children, in the April/June 2003 issue of *Prehospital Emergency Care* (Markenson DS, Domeier RM, for the National Association of EMS Physicians Pediatric Task Force and Standards and Clinical Practices Committee. The use of automated external defibrillators in children [position paper]. *Prehosp Emerg Care*. 2003;7:258-64).

- On page 258, second column, first line of number 4 in the list, change the phrase “fixed-energy” to “standard-energy.”
- On page 262, third column, last full paragraph, third sentence, change “Currently there is an AED that is designed to provide a 50-J shock. . . .” to “Currently there are AEDs designed to provide lower-energy shocks. . . .”
- On page 263, second column, first full paragraph, in three places change the phrase “standard fixed-energy” to “standard-energy.”