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Maine EMS has been made aware of an instance of a medication exchange error. A transporting service exchanged expired Tranexamic Acid (TXA) and erroneously received Vecuronium, a paralyzing agent, from the hospital pharmacy.



Maine EMS would like to use this opportunity to remind services and providers of their role in preventing medication administration errors.

- Be sure when exchanging medications with your pharmacy that you check your inventory prior to leaving the pharmacy.
- Be sure to take note of and communicate any changes to medications dispensed by the pharmacy. This is particularly important during times of medication shortages.
- Routinely review with your providers the medications in the EMS formulary. This is important for “high risk, low frequency” medications, such as Tranexamic acid.
- Review with your providers the “Rights of medication administration”
 - The right patient
 - The right drug
 - The right dose
 - The right route
 - The right time
 - The right reason
 - The right form
 - The right action
 - The right response
 - The right documentation

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