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The EMS which is charged with saving people in life threatening emergencies has not changed their protocol for diabetes management in the event of a low blood sugar. EMS currently can only use glucagon if EMS personnel have advanced training due to the complexity of administering glucagon. However, in the last 5 or more years new products have been developed such as Baqsimi (a nasal glucagon) and Gvoke (a prefilled glucagon pen) that can be used more safely and effectively to save a life. These should be the new tools in the EMS toolkit in order to simplify the response to a life threatening low blood sugar.