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I learned last year that if EMS was called to save my daughters life during a diabetic emergency, that they may not be able to administer glucagon and may need to call for another EMS with advanced training. What?!?! While there have been glucagon advancements, the protocol for diabetes management in the event of a low blood sugar for the EMS has not evolved. 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 new, updated, easy to administer glucagons should be the updated medicines for every trained EMS (not matter the level of training) in order to simplify the response to a life threatening low blood sugar. These new glucagons are made for the ease of administration even for non-medically trained persons.

Why can EMS and police officers be trained to administer Narcan but not glucagon???

Signed a very concerned mother of a Type 1 Diabetic