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Regarding the proposed Federal Aviation Administration regulation: Airlines adding new items to their onboard medical kits and the proposed training by the American Red Cross to Flight attendants for use of the expanded medical kits.

How incredibly ridiculous is this proposal. I am an RN with about 10 years of education, with 20 years of experience in the medical field. I have an extensive background in flight nursing, ER nursing, ICU/CCU nursing, as well as a degree in Respiratory Care. I am also an AED instructor. I totally agree with the use of the AED's and basic cardiac life support by lay people, and actively teach both to the general public, as well as pre-hospital care providers.

Please lets keep nursing where it belongs with highly trained, skilled caregivers and keep flight attending where it belongs. Do not try to mix the two. If it is deemed necessary to be able to administer advanced medical care on any given flight, then turn this over to flight nurses and/or flight paramedics who are trained in all aspects of flight medicine/pathophysiology/flight physiology. They can function off of standing orders or have access to a base station where a doctor is available to give orders during a crisis. This is a "no brainer". With all the advanced communication systems available there is no reason that a nurse or paramedic on board an aircraft couldn't make "base contact".

And please I need to address the proposed training to be done by the American Red Cross. The minimal training that needs to be done by anyone that is going to be administering medications that were mentioned in the article is a certified paramedic training program. The American Red Cross is the last group that should

have anything to do with this sort of training.

This is a big can of worms these people are attempting to open.

One that needs to be addressed appropriately. And kept closed.

Get the Association of Air Medical Services, the Emergency Nurses Association, and the National Association of Paramedics involved. You will get the best possible care for passengers on any given flight with the right people administering medical treatment. Why jeopardize the airlines, the life of the passengers, and the flight attendants.

I appreciate the opportunity to state my concerns and comment on this ridiculous proposal. This needs to stop. Get the right people involved for the safety of everyone.

Thank you,

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