

Comment concerning Element 7 and Element 7R question pools.

I am in agreement with the National GMDSS Implementation Task Force that is requesting that the Task Force be given formal responsibility for the Element 7 and Element 7R question pools and that firm dates should be established for the posting of new EL 7 and EL 7R test pools on an annual basis.

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