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To: Base Station Medical Director
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Re: Base Station Consultation Recording Device

MIEMSS is encouraging the Base Station hospitals to look at the current recording devices on the market and purchase a recorder device to meet your Base Station tape review obligations. Please consult your hospital counsel to be sure your recording procedure meets the requirements of the Maryland wiretap law, Section 10-402 of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article.

For your base station operation you will want to consider how best to obtain recordings of audio consults in a timely fashion.

You will need a device which is compatible with the MIEMSS managed Vega communications hand set (see picture below). It probably should also be user friendly with out having to flip recording tapes, provide for accurate location of specific consults and have a computer interface for conversion to WAVE files format for use in case review under the confidential base station medical review committee.

If you do not have the Vega base station hand set as picture below, please contact Charles Rollman at 410-706-3668 at MIEMSS so we can schedule the replacement of your existing unit with a VEGA unit.

There are, of course, a plethora of electronic recording devices of various technologies and price ranges on the market and coming on the market, and you will need to select one that fits the needs and budget of you institution. MIEMSS is not in a position to recommend any particular model or manufacture over any other one, but one recorder you may wish to consider is TeleCorder TC-02F which will function with the Vega communications handset except that it needs a custom connector to be installed. The contact information for that particular recorder is Robert Dick 410 224 0227, fax 0229, or Email: Bobd@ACGSYS.COM.

