

VIAL OF LIFE

The **AMERICAN RED CROSS AND THE PEPSI AMERICAS** have joined together to offer a simple method to record and keep within easy reach all of your pertinent medical information should you require the Life Squad to transport you to the hospital.

The ***VIAL OF LIFE*** is a small plastic container which stores a medical information form that is invaluable to emergency medical personnel and to emergency room physicians when you need to go to the hospital. The containers have been donated to all area Fire Departments and Life Squad units to be distributed to their residents.

The medical form includes information about your physician, his phone number, and especially information about your medications and health history. In the heat of an emergency, it is easy to forget a medication you are taking, or even get the name of the medication incorrect. Studies have shown that about 40% of all medication reported to emergency medical personnel and emergency medical room personnel is incorrect! This can be life-threatening. After the forms are completed, the vial is placed in the refrigerator door so EMS personnel know where to look in case you are unable to tell them. (If you have completed a DNR form, you may place it in the vial also.)

It is crucial that the emergency room physician know exactly what medications you are taking – including any herbal or other over the counter medications or vitamins you may be taking. This information can save your life!

TUTLECREEK TOWNSHIP WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL RESIDENTS TO STOP BY OUR NEW FACILITY LOCATED AT 670 N. STATE ROUTE 123 AND PICK UP YOUR VIAL OF LIFE...IT MIGHT JUST SAVE YOUR LIFE!