



Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency

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TO: EMS Providers - ALS, LALS, BLS, EMS Aircraft
Hospital CEOs, ED Directors, Nurse Managers, and PLNs

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SUBJECT: NEUROVASCULAR STROKE RECEIVING CENTER STATUS CHANGE

Several Level I Neurovascular Stroke Receiving Centers (NSRCs) have notified ICEMA that they are unable to meet the current requirements for NSRC Level I per ICEMA Reference #6100 - Stroke "NSRC" Receiving Centers on a continual and sustained basis. As a result, ICEMA is suspending the NSRC Level I category for the entire ICEMA Stroke system in San Bernardino County until further notice.

- NSRC Base Station contact is *mandatory* for all modified Los Angeles Prehospital Screening Scale (mLAPSS) positive patients identified as a possible stroke patient. The NSRC Base Station is the only authority that can direct a suspected stroke patient to a NSRC. The destination may be changed at NSRC Base Station discretion.
- All mLAPSS positive patients identified as a possible stroke patient will be transported to the *closest* ICEMA designated NSRC.

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Yoshida-McMath, RN, Stroke Coordinator, at (909) 388-5803 or via e-mail at c.yoshida-mcmath@cao.sbcounty.gov.

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