



Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency

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

FROM: Reza Vaezazizi, MD
Medical Director 

SUBJECT: TRANSITION FROM MORPHINE TO FENTANYL

The Medical Advisory Committee (MAC) recommended that EMS providers transition from Morphine Sulfate to Fentanyl throughout the ICEMA region. A transition period between December 1, 2014 and June 1, 2015, was allowed so EMS providers had sufficient time to deplete inventories of Morphine and transition to Fentanyl.

All EMS providers are required to transition to Fentanyl by June 1, 2015. Any remaining inventories of Morphine Sulfate must be removed from units and disposed of according to current regulations. ICEMA is requiring the following:

- EMS providers are required to transition from Morphine to Fentanyl by June 1, 2015.
- EMS providers must notify ICEMA when they have transitioned to Fentanyl.
- EMS providers must provide sufficient training to their personnel on ICEMA Reference #7040 - Medication Standard Orders and all treatment protocols containing Fentanyl.
- EMS providers must include Fentanyl usage as part of each EMS provider's QI process.

If you have any questions, please contact Ron Holk, RN, EMS Nurse Specialist, at (909) 388-8508 or via e-mail at Ron.Holk@cao.sbcounty.gov.

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