



Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency

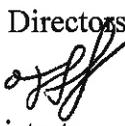
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TO: EMS Providers - ALS, LALS, BLS, EMS Aircraft
Hospital ED Directors, Nurse Managers, and PLNs

FROM: Tom Lynch  EMS Administrator
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SUBJECT: EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT AND ACTIVE LABOR ACT
(EMTALA) TRAINING

The Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency (ICEMA) Medical Advisory Committee (MAC), through its routine quality improvement and assessment process, recently identified a potential gap in EMS personnel's knowledge of EMTALA regulations. Since EMS plays a crucial role in the hospital's ability to comply with EMTALA regulations, MAC is asking that all EMS providers include EMTALA training as part of its scheduled annual and/or periodic in-service training. Additionally, hospitals are encouraged to include this as part of its periodic training, when possible.

If you have any questions, please contact Ron Holk, RN, EMS Nurse Specialist, at (909) 388-5808 or via e-mail at ron.holk@cao.sbcounty.gov.

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