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

FROM: Tom Lynch
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SUBJECT: ICEMA KETAMINE TRIAL STUDY

Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency (ICEMA) is planning to participate in a trial study to evaluate the safety and efficacy of Ketamine as an analgesic agent in the prehospital setting. Several other local EMS agencies (LEMSAs) in the State, including Riverside County EMS and Mountain Valley EMS, will also be part of this trial study. The purpose of the study is prospective evaluation of reduction in pain scores in patients receiving Ketamine for analgesia, who meet specific inclusion criteria. The scheduled rollout of the study will begin in early 2018, with a tentative duration of 18 months. To be eligible, the patient must have experienced acute traumatic or burn injury, be equal or greater than 15 years old, who would normally receive an analgesia during routine care and/or transport, and have a pain score of at least 5 on a scale of 0 - 10.

Those EMS providers participating in the study must be using the ICEMA Data System and will be required for maintaining an adequate supply of Ketamine. ICEMA will develop an educational component that the EMS providers will use in educating EMS field personnel. In addition, EMS providers will be required to review 100% of all cases of Ketamine administration by their CQI Coordinators.

If you have any questions or are an EMS provider that would like to participate in this trial study, please contact Suzee Kolodzik, Trial Study Coordinator, at (909) 388-5820 or via e-mail at susan.kolodzik@cao.sbcounty.gov.

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