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TO: EMS Providers - ALS, BLS, LALS, EMS Aircraft
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SUBJECT: REMOVAL OF NASOTRACHEAL INTUBATION

At the request of the California Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA), the ICEMA Medical Advisory Committee (MAC) reviewed Nasotracheal Intubation. On February 22, 2018, MAC recommended the removal of Nasotracheal Intubation from the local optional scope in the ICEMA region. Other available procedures, such as continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) and airway management using bag valve mask (BVM), were cited as examples of alternatives. With the advancements of airway adjuncts, ICEMA will also continue to review other possibilities as they become available.

Effective immediately, EMS providers are no longer authorized to perform Nasotracheal Intubation and must remove all relevant equipment from use. ICEMA will release appropriate changes to the policies, procedures, and protocols pertaining to Nasotracheal Intubation following this memo.

If you have any questions, please contact Suzee Kolodzik, EMS Specialist, at (909) 388-5820 or via e-mail at susan.kolodzik@cao.sbcounty.gov.

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