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San Joaquin County EMS Agency has finalized the revision process for the adult advanced life support treatment policies. I would like to thank all of the prehospital providers who provided feedback during this significant revision process. As a result of the comments received during the thirty day draft comment period, additional revisions were applied to the following policies:

1. EMS Policy No. 5904, Esophageal Tracheal Double Lumen Airway Device
 - Changed adult height minimum to four feet (only small adult may be utilized in San Joaquin County).
2. EMS Policy No. 5711, ALS Ventricular Fibrillation/Pulseless VTach
 - Removed Amiodarone.
 - Changed Lidocaine from 1-1.5mg/kg to 1mg/kg.
3. EMS Policy No. 5712, ALS Wide Complex Tachycardia with a Pulse
 - Removed Amiodarone.
4. EMS Policy No. 5717, ALS Bradycardias
 - Changed Dopamine solution to NS or D5W.
5. EMS Policy No. 5720, ALS Cardiogenic Shock
 - Changed Dopamine solution to NS or D5W.
6. EMS Policy No. 5751, ALS Altered Level of Consciousness
 - Added a requirement to document a minimum of two IV attempts prior to using Glucagon.

Questions regarding the revised advanced life support treatment policies or this memorandum may be directed to Anna Valdez, RN, MSN, CEN, QI/Trauma Coordinator at (209) 468-6818 or by email at avaldez@sjgov.org.

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