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TO: ALS Personnel
ALS Service Providers
Base Hospital Physicians
Base Hospital MICNs

FROM: Katherine Shafer, MD, EMS Medical Director

SUBJ.: Removal of Nasotracheal Intubation from Paramedic Scope of Practice

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify EMS system participants that nasotracheal intubation has been removed from the paramedic scope of practice in California. Effective immediately paramedics may not perform and base hospital physicians may not order paramedics to perform nasotracheal intubation. ALS service providers are directed to remove from service supplies and equipment specifically related to nasotracheal intubation.

ALS personal shall continue to follow EMS Policy No. 5702, ALS Advanced Airway Management, without the use nasotracheal intubation.

SJCEMSA is working to remove references to nasotracheal intubation from current policies including but not limited to:

1. EMS Policy No. 2560, Paramedic Scope of Practice.
2. EMS Policy No. 2555, Nasotracheal Intubation – Adult Performance Criteria.
3. EMS Policy No. 2541, Paramedic Infrequently Used Skills.
4. EMS Policy No. 5702, ALS Advanced Airway Management.
5. EMS Policy No. 4101, EMS Response Vehicle Medication and Equipment.

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