



Yolo County Health and Human Services



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To: ALS Provider Agencies,
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Base Hospital

From: John S. Rose MD, Medical Director
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RE: Pain Management Protocol - Intravenous Ketamine Administration

In January 2018, we introduced intravenous and intranasal Ketamine for severe pain. We review all cases where Ketamine was administered to assure safety and efficacy of the drug and our protocol. After extensive review, we have detected that the "slow intravenous push (SIVP)" should be reviewed for further clarification and consistency. The rate at which we administer Ketamine intravenously can have a direct impact on adverse reactions in our patients. We are doing a detailed analysis and are setting up an ad-hoc group of medical stakeholders to develop the most consistent and safe way to administer Ketamine via slow SIVP.

Effective immediately on November 7, 2020, use of intravenous ketamine is temporarily removed from our protocol. Intranasal ketamine can still be used.

I am very proud of each of you for delivering the highest quality of care to our patients and the citizens of Yolo county.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

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