



Yolo County Health & Human Services Agency



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TO: ALS Providers

From: Yolo County EMS Agency

Subject: Mandatory Needle Thoracostomy Training

MEMORANDUM

Due to reported incidents throughout the region of misplaced needle thoracostomies, all current Yolo County Paramedics must complete mandatory needle thoracostomy training to maintain their active accreditation with YEMSA. The training should take no more than 30 minutes and is due by 1700 hours on March 24, 2023. Activities shorter than 50 minutes in duration are not eligible for EMS CEUs.

To complete the training, please watch the [Needle Thoracostomy Training Video](#).

Once the video is complete, please take the [Post Test](#) as proof of training.

You must score 90% on the post test for successful completion of training. In the event that you do not get 90%, please re-watch the video and retake the test.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Megan Rizzo at (530) 490-3962 or megan.rizzo@yolocounty.org.

Enclosure: YEMSA Protocol: Tension Pneumothorax