

Memo

To: All Agencies
From: PAEMS Office
CC:
Date: September 30, 2010
Re: Pediatric Intubations

Pediatric Intubation is no longer an approved procedure in the PAEMS system.

Current research articles regarding pediatric intubations support eliminating this rarely used skill from prehospital protocols.

In Prehospital Emergency Care 2010;14:377-401, prehospital orotracheal intubation success rates from 117 studies were pooled together. A success rate of prehospital pediatric orotracheal intubation was only 83.2%. Interestingly, in the same article, prehospital orotracheal intubation success rates in cardiac arrest patients was 91.2%, compared to 70.4% in noncardiac arrest patients.

The current protocols reflect this change.

Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

If you have any questions please call.

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