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TO: ALS PROVIDERS
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SUBJECT: TERMINATION OF PILOT HUMERAL IO POLICY PR-116

In January of 2018, the Orange County EMS Agency initiated a one year pilot program to allow selected ALS providers to include placement of humeral IO devices in their scope of practice. The plan was to assess the number of agencies interested in applying for this optional skill and then the outcome of field utilization of humeral IO placement.

In the subsequent 10 months, only one ALS provider initiated an application and none completed the process. With only 2 months left in the pilot humeral IO program, insufficient time remains to train paramedics in this skill and then implement the process in the field. Therefore, the pilot project is being terminated and the PR-116 is being removed from the website.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Carl Schultz, MD'.

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