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**SUBJECT: ORANGE COUNTY EMS INVENTORY**

1. The California EMS Authority recently reviewed items included in the Orange County EMS Agency optional scope of practice. After review and consideration of the frequency of transport of patients with blood products infusing and treatment standards for management of cyanide toxicity, the following Orange County EMS optional scope items are being removed:

- A. Interfacility transport of infusing blood or blood products
- B. Sodium Thiosulfate for infusion

2. Policy #325.00 states that thermometers are optional and the only listed device is "Thermometer, oral with disposable tip." Devices now approved by Orange County EMS are any thermometer that is FDA approved. This includes temporal artery scanners and otic thermometers.

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