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TO: SPEMS EMS Services
SUBJECT: SPEMS INTERMEDIATE AND PARAMEDIC PROTOCOL VARIANCE
14 GAUGE ANGIO CATH FOR PLURAL DECOMPRESSION & IV ACCESS

Let this letter serve as your authority for the following:

1. Substitute a 3 inch 14 ga angio cath for plural decompression in the event you are unable to obtain a 2 inch 14 ga angio cath from your supplier.
2. It is optional to carry a 14 ga angio cath for IV access.

This will remain in effect until the 2017 protocols are implemented.

You will need to place a copy of this letter in each protocol book in each ambulance.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Addington II, D.O.
Medical Director