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TO: PAMES ALS Agencies and Providers

RE: Ketamine Shortage

Hello everyone,

There has been a significant shortage of Ketamine lately. The timeline for Ketamine to be fully back in stock is between November of this year and April of next year. The PAEMS office has been aware of the issue, and we have been working on a resolution. Since this is a backorder/supply line issue, we will have to make some temporary changes to the use of Ketamine. If you do not have Ketamine and you are following your protocol, or you believe that the patient would have benefited from its use, we ask that you fill out a PAEMS Incident Report form. These forms are available on our website, PAEMS.org. Once completed, send the incident report to our office by email, Trey.A.McCoy@osfhealthcare.org or by fax, (309)655-2090.

Protocol modification – Chemical Restraint: If no Ketamine, use Haldol & Versed as stated on page 28 of the policies manual: Haloperidol (Haldol) Administer Haloperidol, 5mg IM and Midazolam (Versed), 2mg IM. May repeat if needed after 10 minutes if patient is not manageable. If the patient would have benefited from Ketamine, write this up on the incident report when submitting.

We hope that this supply issue will be resolved sooner than later. Please remember to remove any expired Ketamine from your stock and dispose of it properly. There is no FDA/DEA extended use for this medication.

Thank you for your patience with this issue. We will continue to update everyone as needed.

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