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TO: Orange County EMS Providers

**Orange County Base Hospitals** 

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Subject: ADDITION OF METERED DOSE INHALERS TO EMS MEDICAL GUIDELINES

To address the possible need for use of metered dose inhalers for delivery of albuterol in the medical management of bronchospasm during special situations, Orange County EMS Treatment Guidelines M15 and M35 have been amended.

The field use of metered dose inhalers with spacers is most appropriate as an alternative means of administering albuterol on the fireline while controlling wildfires and during outbreaks of airborne transmissible respiratory disease. Each metered dose inhaler and spacer is for single patient use.

Please contact Orange County EMS at (714) 834-2824 for questions or comments regarding this memo.

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