



## COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

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# ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE

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**To:** San Mateo County Prehospital EMS System Providers

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**SUBJECT:** Use of Expired DuoDote Auto Injectors (Atropine 2.1 mg and Pralidoxime 600 mg) (26-CLN-01)

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Certain existing DuoDote auto injectors containing 2.1 mg atropine and 600 mg pralidoxime available on 9-1-1 system first responder units and ambulances are set to expire this month. The San Mateo County EMS Agency ("Agency") recognizes the importance of availability of the DuoDote for use by prehospital personnel.

The EMS Medical Director believes that given prevailing supply considerations, the risk-to-benefit ratio warrants use of expired DuoDote auto injectors in cases where no reasonable alternative management is immediately available. The Agency hereby temporarily authorizes EMS personnel to use expired DuoDote auto injectors under the following limited circumstances:

- DuoDote manufacturer's original expiration date must be on or after January 2026. DuoDotes expired prior to this date are not authorized for extended use.
- DuoDotes must remain in their original packaging and be clear and colorless on visual inspection. Any DuoDote that is not in its original packaging or has an altered appearance shall not be used and must be immediately and properly discarded.

This temporary extension is applicable to DuoDote auto injectors only and shall not exceed twenty-four (24) months or its rescission by the Agency at an earlier time.

No other expired medications are authorized for use.



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