

**To:** San Mateo County Prehospital Care Providers

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**Subject:** Expired Medications including Controlled Substances, New Protocol Implementation, Base Hospital Contact

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### Medication Shortages

Please be aware that although there is a shortage in many of the medications that we are using, the new system changes will take effect on April 9th. When medications like fentanyl become available we will add to the system at that time. In the interim, during these drug shortages, we will extend the expiration date to one year for all medications.

### Base Hospital Contact

Contacting Base Hospital must be done via the radio or, if by cell phone, through the dispatch center so the call can be on a recorded line.

### Termination of Resuscitation Efforts

Lastly, when terminating resuscitation, obtain a 12 lead EKG as there have been a number of patients in PEA that go unrecognized using 2 lead confirmation.

Please contact the EMS Agency with questions. Thank you for the high-quality care you provide to our patients.

