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Central California Emergency Medical Services Agency

A Division of Fresno County
Department of Public Health

SPECIAL MEMORANDUM

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TO: All Fresno/Kings/Madera/Tulare EMS Providers, Hospitals, First Responder Agencies, and Interested Parties

FROM: Jim Andrews, M.D., EMS Medical Director
Daniel J. Lynch, Director

DATE: July 9, 2020

SUBJECT: Policy 530.04 Cardiac Arrest – Trauma

To provide clarification in regard to bilateral needle thoracosotomy in the traumatic cardiac arrest patient, the EMS Agency has updated the language in 530.04 to:

Bilateral Needle Thoracostomy	Indicated if still pulseless and non-breathing with trauma to head, neck, or torso.

Please contact Mato Parker, EMS Coordinator at (559) 600-3387 if you have any questions.

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