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TO: All JOCO EMS System Providers

FR: Dr. Ryan Jacobsen

Protocol Changes effective 11/1/14 at 0800 hrs.

The following changes have been made to the EMS protocols. Please update your electronic protocols on your smart phones to have the most up to date information. This is located in the Trauma protocol.

Soft Tissue Trauma:

- Control hemorrhage by direct pressure. If unsuccessful, place tourniquet proximal to wound. If tourniquet cannot be placed or is unsuccessful, pack wound with hemostatic dressings. Wound packing should be combined with continued external pressure.
- Combine the above with elevation, pressure points and pressure dressings as appropriate.
- Substitute regular dressings if hemostatic dressings are not available

For questions/concerns as always, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ryan C. Jacobsen", with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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