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TO: ALL JOCO EMS SYSTEM PROVIDERS

RE: PROTOCOL IMPLEMENTATION DELAY and NEW WEBSITE

### PROTOCOL IMPLEMENTATION DELAY

The new 2016 JOCO EMS System Protocols will go into effect April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. The one month delay is due to some logistical issues surrounding the requirement to have all EMS providers in the EMS System (approximately 800 providers) trained and have their skills verified by Education/Training staff on new airway devices being introduced into the EMS System. The new supraglottic airway (I-gel) is so embedded in the new cardiac arrest flow that we felt it would be unwise to roll out protocols without having the I-gel available to all providers. Our goal is to minimize confusion and have all skills verifications done prior to implementation of new protocols.

### NEW MEDICAL DIRECTOR WEBSITE

The EMS System Medical Director Program has a new website up at [www.icemsmd.com](http://www.icemsmd.com). We encourage you to visit the website and take a look around. You will find information regarding the Medical Director Program, Protocols, Committees (with minutes), links to all Medical Director Memos (such as this one), as well as submission forms for clinical change.

There is also an area of the website that is not public and for EMS System providers only. The first time you attempt to access that area you will be prompted to create a log in username and password. Your username MUST be your JOCO EMS System agency email address. **No Yahoo, Gmail, Aol etc.** accounts will be accepted. Only JOCO EMS agency department email addresses are acceptable.

Our QA Manager will receive these requests for approval and once approved you will be able to "log-in" to the restricted access portion of website. This portion of the website will allow you to see our cardiac arrest survival statistics, historical airway data, I-gel study data, and allow you to ask questions regarding protocols that will be answered and placed on the website for all to see (the person asking question will be anonymous). Some questions are already posted with answers.

Please give us feedback as to what you like/dislike about the website and what you would like to see posted. Thanks for your patience as we continue to work toward improving the Medical Director Program.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ryan Jacobsen".

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