



DT: 12.21.2016  
TO: ALL JOCO EMS System Providers  
RE: St. Joseph Medical Center Neurosurgical Coverage

Effective immediately, the JOCO EMS System may resume transporting patients suffering from CVA or other intracranial emergencies that may require neurosurgical consultation. (Excluding obvious neuro-trauma for which transportation to appropriate trauma facility is indicated)

After meeting with St. Joseph Medical Center's Executive Leadership, they have assured me that they are capable of caring for patients who arrive by EMS and may require a neurosurgeon on an emergent/urgent basis through a number of available mechanisms.

Please get with me or Dr. Ruthstrom for any questions/concerns and we look forward to continuing our relationship with St. Joseph Medical Center, which again includes transport of possible CVA/intracranial emergencies. As always if there are questions regarding appropriate destination please involve online medical control early.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan C. Jacobsen", written in a cursive style.

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