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MEMORANDUM

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DATE: December 14th, 2018
TO: All Kent County Life Support Agencies and Providers
FROM: Dr. Todd Chassee, MD, FACEP
SUBJ: Ketamine usage in patients over 65

Background

Since the change in protocols on July 1st, 2018, Ketamine has an expanded role within our system. As part of the increase KCEMS has been monitoring all Ketamine usage. Through the review process it has been noted that there has been an increase in diagnostic imaging testing (i.e., CT scans & x-rays) of patients at all the healthcare facilities due to altered mental statuses. One potential cause of these occurrences may be due to the increased use of Ketamine for pain management.

Intent

The intent of this memo is to provide Kent County EMS responders direction for the use of Ketamine in patients 65 years of age or older.

Expectations

It is the expectation that ALS providers will not use Ketamine for the treatment of pain in patients older than 65 years of age without first contacting on-line medical control.

This direction is not to affect the use of Ketamine for other appropriate treatments of patients, including but not limited to the treatment of Excited Delirium.