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*Ventura County
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Deletion of Lasix from EMS Policies

Furosemide (Lasix) has been removed from the statewide scope of practice, and, after discussion at PSC, we have decided to remove it from our scope of practice as well.

The use of CPAP, which in California started here in Ventura County, is far more effective, and has been shown in multiple studies to reduce the need for intubation and reduce mortality.

Lasix has not been shown to be effective, and when given for conditions such as pneumonia or sepsis can be dangerous.

For questions, please contact the EMS Agency.

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