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MEMO

To: Field Personnel

From: Doug Swanson, MD, FACEP, FAEMS

Medical Director, Mecklenburg EMS Agency

Date: 03/13/2020

Re: Albuterol Therapy during patient movement & COVID-19

Effective immediately

- When arriving to emergency departments with patients receiving nebulizer therapy this should be halted upon unloading of the patient from the ambulance and remain held until the patient is placed in their treatment room
- This pertains to any patient with URI symptoms receiving nebulizer therapy during transport – whether EIDS screen is positive or negative
- Goal is to avoid any aerosolizing procedures in the hallways of the emergency department/hospitals

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