

DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

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To: Marin County EMS Constituents

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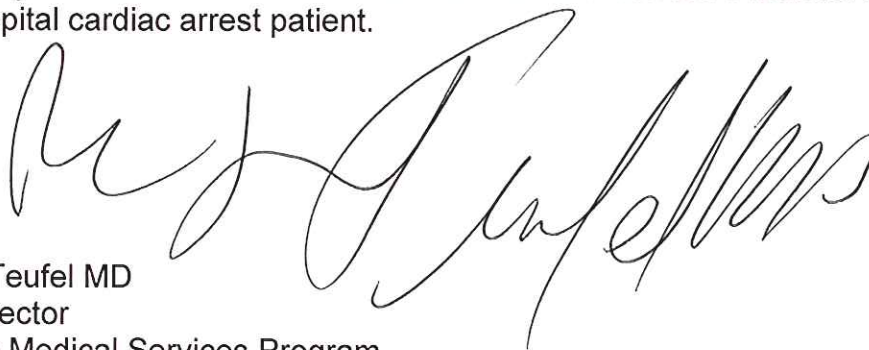
Re: **Interim Policy Memo 2012-1: ITD Procedure Discontinuation**

Effective 2/1/12, the Impedance Threshold Device (ITD) Procedure, ALS PR15, will be discontinued.

This decision was reached after consultation and approval by both the provider medical directors and our Policy and Procedure Committee.

Although the ITD has been shown in laboratory studies to be effective in improving cardiac output during CPR, there is no compelling evidence that this benefit can be transferred to the pre-hospital setting.

Our optional scope approval for ITD use from the state EMSA will remain intact, allowing easy reinstatement of the ITD when the medical literature indicates benefit in the pre-hospital cardiac arrest patient.



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