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ENTER NAME/TITLE HERE (signature on line below):  <b>DR. RITU SAHNI, MD, MPH, FAEMS</b>		TITLE:  <b>SBAR: KETAMINE SHORTAGE MITIGATION STRATEGY</b>		

Hi!

Please see the below medication shortage update and protocol change authorization.

**Situation:** Mitigation of current ketamine shortage by narrowing indications for use.

**Background:** Ketamine is on backorder with varying timelines for availability in the distant future. Locally, AMR has been unable to order more ketamine and supplies are running short.

**Assessment:** Ketamine is currently unavailable for order and there is no clinical equivalent.

**Recommendation:** The use of ketamine will be limited to **advanced airway management only** as described in protocol 30.040 – Endotracheal Intubation.

Until ketamine can be purchased reliably and until further notice, ketamine should not be used in Protocol 10.135 – Pain Management, Section G.3 and Pediatric Section E. Again, effective immediately, we will **no longer use ketamine for pain management.**

Thank you all for your continued dedication!



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