

## **Tuolumne County Emergency Medical Services Agency**

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To: Manteca District Ambulance Personnel

From: Kimberly Freeman, MD, MBACPE, FACEP, Paramedic, EMS Medical Director

Re: Lidocaine

I have become aware that McKesson changed the packaging for lidocaine to indicate that injection/infiltration was for numbing rather than cardiac arrhythmias, though kept the NDC number 76329-3390-1 the same. After communication with McKesson, it has become clear that the formulation did not change and no alternative version labelled for cardiac use is available. Officially, cardiac use of this product is "off label".

This lidocaine may be used for cardiac arrhythmias as per protocol despite the change in packaging.

Contact Tuolumne County EMS Agency at (209) 533-7460 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Freeman, MD, MBA, CPE, FACEP, Paramedic Tuolumne County Health Officer and EMS Medical Director