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Dear licensed ALS EMS agency:

The Medical Direction Committee and the Medical Directors wish to alert you to a new device that is *required* by our new protocols. A device called the “EZ-IO” is a tool that permits rapid and reliable vascular access.

The Medical Directors (Drs. Damewood, Sheridan, Brand, Just, Kramer, Folsom and Adam) are requiring that this tool be placed on every EMS vehicle. This device is incorporated in our new protocols, which can be viewed at:

<http://www.csems.vaems.org/protocols/>

This tool is important and can clearly save lives. The CSEMS Council has worked out a bulk price for the tool and also has negotiated a “trade out” deal for the F.A.S.T. devices.

The CSEMS Council will be seeking a Rescue Squad Assistance Fund grant in the fall to help defer this initial expense associated with the device. You may purchase the device now, but will not be eligible for grant money. You may contact your medical director or me if you have any questions or require any further information.

This letter is written on behalf of and with the permission by the aforementioned medical directors and will apply to **all** agencies operating off the CSEMS protocols.

Thank you for your time and do not hesitate to contact your medical director or myself with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Asher Brand', written in a cursive style.

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