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TO:   Region 11 EMS Providers
FROM:  Region 11 EMS Medical Directors Consortium
SUBJECT:       Prehospital Airway Control Trial (PACT)

Chicago was invited to become a research network site based on the excellent trauma care delivered by EMS providers and the Level 1 Trauma Centers. The network is called LITES (Linking Investigations in Trauma and Emergency Services) which performs injury care and outcomes research.

One of the main questions for the research network is: What is the best strategy for controlling the airway of a trauma patient? The Prehospital Airway Control Trial (PACT) is a study of airway management in trauma patients that attempts to answer this question. It uses Exception From Informed Consent (EFIC), which is important for emergency care research.

In order to learn about the PACT Study protocol, Chicago Fire Department paramedics will receive an email assignment through Target Solutions. This continuing education (CE) module begins February 15th and should be completed by March 15th. While it is not mandatory, it is strongly encouraged, and you will receive one hour of CE credit in the preparatory core content category.

Further information can be found on the study website: [https://www.litesnetwork.org/pact-efic/](https://www.litesnetwork.org/pact-efic/).

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