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DATE: May 13, 2022
TO: Chicago Fire Department Paramedics
FROM: **REGION 11 EMS MEDICAL DIRECTORS CONSORTIUM**
SUBJECT: **“PACT UPDATE 2022 – STEP TO SGA FIRST” CONTINUING EDUCATION**

In the first year of the Prehospital Airway Control Trial (PACT), which officially began on April 1, 2021, Chicago Fire Department Paramedics enrolled 170 patients into the study. Your documentation and cardiac monitor upload data are consistently reviewed by the LITES Trauma Center research team and the Central Coordinating Center team at the University of Pittsburgh. This success is a testament to the excellent prehospital trauma care provided in the City of Chicago.

We recently received notification that that Chicago Fire Department has been randomly assigned to be in the next group of EMS agencies to move into the “Supraglottic Airway (SGA) First” arm of the PACT study. This means that we will move from the “Standard Care” arm of the trial to using “SGA First” for airway management in trauma patients. For trauma patients that require airway management, we ask that you attempt SGA placement first as outlined in the PACT protocol. The exact date of the transition will be determined by the number of total enrollments at all sites and is anticipated to take place in mid-July and continue for the remainder of the study.

To provide an update on the PACT protocol there will be a “PACT Update 2022 - Step to SGA First” assignment for all Chicago Fire Department Paramedics, which will begin May 15, 2022 and should be completed by June 15, 2022 at noon. Upon successful completion of the assignment, users will earn one (1) hour of continuing education in the “Airway Management and Ventilation” Core Content Category.

We hope you are as excited as we are to be a part of this valuable study. Given our ongoing participation, this education is strongly encouraged for all Chicago Fire Department Paramedics. As a reminder, here is a link to the initial [PACT Memo issued in 2021](#); additional information can be found on the [LITES website](#).

As a thank you for your continued participation in the PACT study, we will be distributing PACT recognition items for enrollments and completion of the education assignment. We appreciate your dedication to ensuring outstanding prehospital care across Chicago EMS!

Please contact your Resource Hospital with questions.

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