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October 20, 2008

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Dear Dr. Salvucci:

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that your request for approval of a trial study on the use of ondansetron hydrochloride by paramedics for patients with severe nausea and vomiting during prehospital and interfacility transfer is approved.

As you know, this request was reviewed by the EMS Authority, in consultation with the members of the Scope of Practice Committee of the Emergency Medical Directors Association of California (EMDAC), on September 23, 2008. It was the recommendation of the Scope of Practice Committee members that the study be approved, and I concur with their recommendation.

The EMS Authority's approval of this study will be reported to the Commission on EMS at their December 3, 2008 meeting. It is recommended that you or your designee attend the Commission meeting in order to answer questions or provide clarification as needed.

Please advise Ms. Nancy Steiner, Chief of the EMS Personnel Division, of the initiation date of the study. Ms. Steiner can be reached by calling (916) 322-4336, extension 429, or e-mailing nancy.steiner@emsa.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Steven Tharratt'.

R. Steven Tharratt, MD, MPVM
Director

cc: Nancy Lapolla, EMS Administrator, Santa Barbara County EMS Agency
Members, EMDAC Scope of Practice Committee

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