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To: **ALL OPERATIONS STAFF**

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Subject: **CHANGES IN KETOROLAC AND NALOXONE VIALS**

Toronto Paramedic Services has recently received a supply of Ketorolac and Naloxone that have changed in appearance, the concentration remains the same.

Please note the changes below:

KETOROLAC

Ketorolac has remained in amber vials, however the labels have changed from a blue/purple/white label to a white/red/beige coloured label. The blue stopper and the clear plastic cap have also been replaced with a grey cap.

Also note that the label of the new Ketorolac indicates for Intramuscular Use. In consultation with Sunnybrook Regional Base Hospital, they advise that ACP Paramedics can continue to administer the drug IM/IV as has been the previous practice for both in-hospital and pre-hospital administration.

Note the differences in the Ketorolac vials



NALOXONE

Naloxone has also remained in amber vials, however the label colour has changed from a yellow/white/red colour to a white and red colour. The yellow plastic cap has also changed to a blue cap.

Note the differences in the Naloxone vials



Please continue to be diligent in checking your medications during vehicle checks and prior to patient administration. Both new and old vials will remain in circulation until such time as vials are used and or replaced due to expiry.

If you have any questions, please speak to your Superintendent.

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