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To: Santa Clara County Permitted Ambulance Providers

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Subject: Interfacility Transport by Ambulance -
Patients with Peripherally Inserted Catheter (PIC) Lines

The purpose of this memo is to clarify the requirements related to the transfer of patients with PIC lines.

- Indwelling vascular lines (PIC) may be transported by EMT ambulance.
- Central and arterial lines must be transported by a CCT-Nurse unit.
- A CCT-P, CCT-RN, or paramedic ambulance may also transport a patient with a PIC line.

If you should have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the number provided (408) 792-1349 or via email at michael.cabano@phd.sccgov.org