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TO: 911 ALS Providers
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SUBJECT: CONTRAINDICATIONS UPDATE FOR KETOROLAC (TORADOL)

This past April 1, 2025, OCEMS approved the use of Ketorolac (Toradol) for pain management by paramedics in Orange County. The use of Toradol is impacted by a number of contraindications. While OCEMS thought the list of contraindications provided the necessary guidance on Toradol use, there appeared to remain some confusion regarding its use in traumatized patients.

Since Toradol can inhibit platelet function and exacerbate ongoing hemorrhage, further clarity was needed to the contraindication's section. Therefore, OCEMS has added additional language to the contraindications, now clearly stating Toradol should not be used in patients designated as trauma patients going to a trauma center.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Carl Schultz, MD'.

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