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October 20, 2008

Angelo Salvucci, MD  
EMS Medical Director  
Santa Barbara & Ventura Counties EMS Agencies  
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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 the King Airway and ResQPOD impedance threshold device by basic life support and advanced life support prehospital personnel working in the jurisdictions of Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties is approved.

As you know, your 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. The Scope of Practice Committee Members recommended approval of the study, and I concurred with their recommendation.

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

Please advise Ms. Nancy Steiner, Chief of the EMS Personnel Division, of the date on initiation of this trial study. Ms. Steiner can be reached by calling (916) 322-4336, extension 429, or e-mailing [nancy.steiner@emsa.ca.gov](mailto: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  
Barry Fisher, EMS Administrator, Ventura County EMS Agency  
Members, EMDAC Scope of Practice Committee

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