

MOTION BY MAYOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

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THERAPEUTIC HYPOTHERMIA

MEDICAL JOURNALS AND RESEARCH STUDIES REPORT THAT THE USE OF THERAPEUTIC HYPOTHERMIA SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVES OUTCOMES FOR CARDIAC PATIENTS AS WELL AS THOSE SUFFERING STROKES AND INFANTS WHO EXPERIENCE OXYGEN LOSS DURING BIRTH.

RECOGNIZING THE BENEFITS OF THIS TREATMENT OPTION, OUR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEM AGENCY ESTABLISHED A PROTOCOL IN JANUARY, REQUIRING PARAMEDICS TO TAKE CARDIAC ARREST PATIENTS TO ONE OF THE 33 HYPOTHERMIA-READY HOSPITALS IN THE COUNTY. THESE CENTERS INCLUDE LAC+USC AND HARBOR/UCLA MEDICAL CENTERS.

IT IS NOT CLEAR HOW, OR IF, THIS TECHNIQUE IS BEING USED FOR INPATIENTS WHO MIGHT BENEFIT FROM THIS COURSE OF TREATMENT.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES TO PROVIDE A REPORT BACK IN 30 DAYS ON THE USE OF INDUCED HYPOTHERMIA IN OUR COUNTY-OPERATED HOSPITALS.

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