



UNIFIED FIRE AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

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TO: All EMS Providers

FROM: Division Chief Ayres

SUBJECT: Transition from Morphine to Ketorolac (Toradol)

Effective immediately, EMS Division will begin transitioning away from morphine for the treatment of mild to moderate pain and will be adopting ketorolac (Toradol) as the replacement medication.

We will no longer order additional morphine. Current morphine supplies will remain available for use until they are either expended or reach expiration, however, we will no longer be ordering additional morphine.

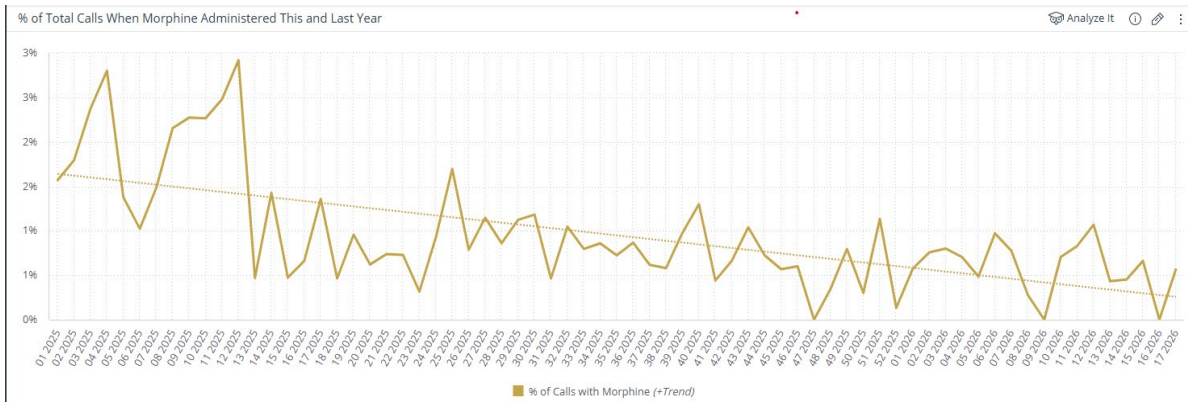
Training and Implementation

In-person training on ketorolac—its indications, dosing, and administration—will be conducted in May. At the time of training, the EMS Division will provide the initial stock of ketorolac directly to each station, so no medication orders are needed at this time.

Updated [medication references](#) for ketorolac will be available in PowerDMS in May, and [protocols](#) will be updated to incorporate this new medication. Once our current morphine stock is exhausted, all morphine references will be removed from the protocols and the corresponding medication reference will be archived.

Reason for the Transition

1. Fentanyl has demonstrated superior effectiveness for pain management and also remains our frontline analgesic for acute coronary syndrome (ACS).
2. Usage data shows a significant decline in morphine administration. Over the past 180 days, morphine was administered 223 times compared to 1,931 administrations of fentanyl. Maintaining morphine as a controlled substance creates logistical demands that outweigh its current clinical benefits.



3. Removing morphine from the controlled substances pouch will allow us to add additional fentanyl and midazolam — both medications that frequently require mid-month resupply.
4. Introducing and utilizing a non-narcotic pain management option has long been an organizational goal, and ketorolac allows us to meet that objective while maintaining effective analgesia for our patients.

If you have any questions or need clarification, please reach out to the EMS Division. Thank you for your attention and for your continued dedication to high quality patient care.