



**\*\*\* PARAMEDIC ALERT \*\*\***

**No. 2010-06**

Date: October 13, 2010

Topic: Ventricular Assist Device

Effective: Immediately (10/13/10)

Attention: All El Dorado County EMS Providers/Base Hospitals

Please review the attached training slideshow on Ventricular Assist Devices (VAD). There are several of these patients residing in El Dorado County and they present our EMS providers with completely new challenges in providing patient care.

**It is imperative that chest compressions NOT BE PERFORMED on these patients.**

Special thanks to Sutter Roseville Medical Center for providing us with this important training.

Please contact the Emergency Medical Services Agency with any questions or clarifications.

Sincerely,

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