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**Purpose:** To establish a standard of care for patients requiring an alternative to peripheral vascular access in emergency situations.

**Background:** IO access has been widely accepted in pediatric settings for many years, especially because these patients often provide a particular challenge to obtaining rapid intravascular access. Due to research in many places, including military settings, the placement of an IO in patients of any age is now considered equally effective alternatives to intravenous peripheral lines. Furthermore, recent technology such as IO placement devices offers easier placement.

**Advisory:** By March 1, 2012 all Advanced Life Support Agencies in the Mountain Lakes Region must have the ability to obtain IO Access on both Pediatric and Adult patients. Though the REMAC strongly encourages agencies to research and consider obtaining new IO technology, “traditional style” IO needles will meet this requirement.

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