



EMT INTRAVENOUS THERAPY



Escambia County, Florida - ALS/BLS Medical Protocol

PURPOSE:

EMT's, who have successfully completed the IV training program and have the approval of the Medical Director, to provide enhanced patient care and assistance to their Paramedic partner by initiating and monitoring non-medicated IV's.

64E.2.008(G),(H) 1 and 2 states:

An EMT employed by a licensed ALS provider is authorized to start a non- medicated IV under the following conditions:

- A. A non-medicated IV is initiated only in accordance with department approved protocols of the licensed ALS provider's Medical Director. These protocols must include a requirement that the non-medicated IV be initiated in the presence of a Florida certified paramedic (of the same licensed provider) who instructs the EMT to initiate the IV.
- B. If the licensed ALS provider elects to utilize EMTs in this capacity, the licensed EMS provider shall ensure that the Medical Director provides training at least equivalent to that required by the 1999 U.S. D.O.T. EMT- Intermediate National Standard Curriculum relating to IV therapy which is incorporated by reference and available from the Superintendent of Documents, Post Office Box 371954, Pittsburgh, P.A. 15250-7954. Licensed EMS provider should document successful completion of such training in each EMT's training file and make documentation available to the department upon request.

POLICY:


The attending paramedic is responsible for the delivery of patient care. An EMT who has successfully completed the department approved training and has the approval of the Medical Director may initiate a non-medicated IV under the direction and direct supervision of a Public Safety paramedic. The EMT may decline the request to initiate a non-medicated IV. Any IV initiated by an EMT will be assessed by the paramedic to ensure that it is patent. All documentation will be consistent with accepted policy and clearly state that the EMT established the IV.



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INDICATIONS:

An approved EMT may be requested to initiate an IV at the discretion of the attending paramedic.

PROCEDURE:


The procedure for initiating an IV is contained within the IV PROCEDURE with the only exception being that approved EMTs may not initiate a medicated IV nor administer any medication.



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