



SERVICE PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS & RESPONSIBILITIES FOR PARAMEDIC INTERFACILITY TRANSPORT (IFT) OPTIONAL SKILLS

PURPOSE

To establish the requirements and responsibilities for a Yolo County Emergency Medical Services Agency (YEMSA) approved Advanced Life Support (ALS) Ambulance Service Provider's Paramedics to monitor and/or use any of the following during IFTs:

- I. Blood transfusions
- II. Magnesium Sulfate, Nitroglycerin (NTG), Heparin and/or Amiodarone Hydrochloride infusions
- III. Automatic Transport Ventilators (ATV's)

AUTHORITY

Health & Safety Code, Division 2.5, Chapter 4, Article 1, §§ 1797.214, 1797.218, 1797.220

Health & Safety Code, Division 2.5, Chapter 5, § 1798.2

Health & Safety Code, Division 2.5, Chapter 6, Article 3, §§ 1798.170, 1798.172

California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Chapter 4, Article 2, § 100145

POLICY

- I. Any ALS Ambulance Service Providers wishing to utilize Paramedics to perform any of the IFT Optional Skills shall be approved by YEMSA.
- II. Any ALS Ambulance Service Provider utilizing Paramedics to perform any of the IFT Optional Skills shall meet all requirements set forth by State law, regulations and YEMSA policy.
- III. Only those Paramedics who have successfully completed training program(s) approved by the YEMSA Medical Director on IFT Optional Skills will be permitted to utilize such skills during IFTs.

PARAMEDIC IFT OPTIONAL SKILLS PROGRAM TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

- I. ALS Ambulance Service Providers utilizing Paramedics to perform IFTs Optional Skills shall:
 - A. Utilize the appropriate training program (s) approved or provided by YEMSA, including the final written and skills examination.
 - B. Provide the following minimum initial training in Paramedic IFTs Optional Skills:
 1. Monitoring intravenous (IV) blood transfusions – a minimum of two (2) hours.
 2. Monitoring IV Magnesium Sulfate, NTG, Heparin and/or Amiodarone Hydrochloride infusions – a minimum of two (2) hours.
 3. Monitoring Automatic Transport Ventilators (ATV's) – a minimum of two (2) hours.



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- C. Provide all training equipment necessary to ensure a sound Paramedic IFT Optional Skills training program (i.e. manikins, infusion devices, ATV's, audiovisual aids, etc.).
- D. Utilize only Physician or Registered Nurse (RN) Instructors to teach the required curriculum.
 - 1. Paramedic personnel with appropriate knowledge and educational background may be approved by YEMSA to teach the required curriculum when appropriate. If the Service Provider proposes to utilize a Paramedic to teach this curriculum, the application must include a separate letter indicating this request as well as the justification of the need to utilize a Paramedic Instructor for this purpose. Only Paramedic personnel specifically approved by YEMSA are allowed to teach the required curriculum.
- E. Inform YEMSA of all course dates, times and locations.

RECORDS/DATA COLLECTION

- I. The Paramedic must obtain a copy of the transferring Physician's orders and attach them to the Patient Care Report (PCR).
- II. Patients on blood transfusions will have Vital Signs (VS) monitored and documented every (q) fifteen (15) minutes and immediately if there is any change in patient status or change in transfusion rate.
- III. Patients on Magnesium Sulfate, NTG, Heparin and/or Amiodarone Hydrochloride infusions will have VS monitored and documented q fifteen (15) minutes and immediately if there is any change in patient status or change in infusion rate.
- IV. Patients on ATV's will have VS monitored and documented q fifteen (15) minutes and immediately if there is any change in patient status or adjustment of the ATV settings.

CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (CQI)

One hundred percent (100%) of calls will be audited by the Provider Agency CQI process. Audits will assess compliance with Physicians orders and regional protocols, including Base Hospital contact in emergency situations. Reports will be sent to YEMSA as requested.

OTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The ALS Ambulance Service Provider shall maintain a roster of all Paramedic personnel authorized to provide any of the IFT Optional Skills.