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Purpose:

- A. To establish requirements for transporting and non-transporting Advanced Life Support (ALS) unit/engine/squad supply, use, replacement and accountability of controlled substances in Sacramento County.

Authority:

- A. California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5
- B. California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 9

Protocol:

The policy and procedure for transporting and non-transporting ALS unit/engine/squad supply, use, replacement and accountability of controlled substances is as follows:

- A. Controlled substances will be administered in accordance with Sacramento County Emergency Medical Services Agency (SCEMSA) treatment protocols.
- B. All controlled substances will be stored in a secure and accountable manner.
- C. The contents of the storage container will be inspected at every crew change. Both the oncoming paramedic and the off-going paramedic will jointly count, date, time and sign a Controlled Substance Signature Log. Discrepancies will be reported immediately to the service provider supervisor/management. The discrepancy report must be in writing.
- D. In the event that there is not an oncoming paramedic for the ALS unit, the off-going paramedic and the station officer/company supervisor or designee on duty will perform the counting and signing off. The station supervisor will accept and retain responsibility for the controlled substance container until a Paramedic arrives to assume responsibility.
- E. All wastage of controlled substances must be witnessed by a second person that documents it in accordance with a provider-developed procedure.
- F. All controlled substances will be re-supplied in accordance with the supply exchange policy developed by the provider.
- G. Paramedic service providers will adhere to all applicable laws and regulations regarding controlled substances (including CCR, Title 22, Div. 9) and ensure that security measures and procedures are followed.

- H. Management of opiate patches removed from patients:
1. Remove the patch wearing gloves.
 2. Wipe the residual medication from the patient's skin.
 3. Fold the patch in half so the adhesive side sticks together.
 4. With a witness present, discard the patch in a biohazard/sharps container.
 5. Report to the receiving facility the removal and waste of the opiate patch.
 6. Document the removal, waste, and type of the opiate patch, in the ePCR.