



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Emergency Medical Services Agency

POLICY #580

TITLE: **MONITORING OF IVs BY EMT PERSONNEL**

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Authority: California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Section 1797.220-226, and California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 100063.

Purpose: To provide guidance for the monitoring of IVs by EMT personnel.

- Policy:**
1. EMT personnel may transfer patients who are receiving peripheral intravenous Glucose or balanced isotonic salt solution (including Ringer's Lactate) as long as:
 - A. The patient is receiving no other ALS treatment, and
 - B. There is no medication added to the IV fluid, and
 - C. The patient does not require intravenous fluids for stabilization (e.g. a patient in a hypovolemic state).
 2. The physician responsible for the patient at the sending facility is responsible for making the assessment that EMT care is appropriate for the patient.
 3. The EMT may not increase the rate of flow of the IV during transit. If any problems develop with the intravenous fluid they should contact the base hospital for orders or if that cannot be accomplished, they should turn the IV off.