

**EMT-Paramedic Interfacility Transport of Patients
with IV Nitroglycerin/Heparin Infusions**

POLICY #4230

This policy defines the procedure for interfacility transfers by paramedics for patients with intravenous (IV) nitroglycerin and/or heparin infusions.

1. The paramedic shall receive orders from the transferring physician prior to leaving the sending hospital. These orders shall be documented in writing as directed by the transferring physician. The written order must include the medication, solution, concentration, and rate of infusion for the IV fluids.
2. The transferring physician, or designee, shall provide the paramedic with verbal report and written documentation regarding the care provided to the patient. This documentation shall be reviewed by the paramedic prior to the transfer.
3. The name of the receiving hospital and the name of the receiving physician who has accepted the patient shall be provided in the transfer documents.
4. The paramedic shall monitor the patient during transport and shall document the ongoing assessment on the Patient Care Report Form approved by the EMS medical director.
5. Only designated paramedics who have completed the approved training may monitor the following IV infusions during transports:

Nitroglycerin 50 mg/250cc D5W

Heparin 25,000 u/250cc or 500cc D5W

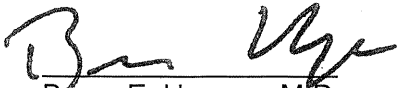
6. The paramedic shall follow the directions of the transferring physician. If it is anticipated that additional medication orders (e.g. morphine) may be needed to stabilize the patient's condition during transport, these orders must be within the paramedic's scope of practice and documented in writing as standing orders signed by the physician prior to leaving the sending facility.
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APPROVAL



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