

SIERRA-SACRAMENTO VALLEY EMS AGENCY PROGRAM POLICY

REFERENCE NO. 341

**SUBJECT: PARAMEDIC INTERFACILITY TRANSPORT OPTIONAL SKILLS:
TRANSFERING HOSPITAL REQUIREMENTS**

PURPOSE:

To provide a mechanism for paramedics to be permitted to use any of the following during interfacility transfers:

- Nitroglycerin, heparin and/or amiodarone infusions
- Automatic Transport Ventilators (ATV's)

AUTHORITY:

California Health & Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections: 1798.200, 1798.206, 1798.214, 1797.218, 1797.220, 1798.2, 1798.170, and 1798.172

California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Chapter 4, Article 1, Section 100145

POLICY:

Only those paramedics who have successfully completed training program(s) approved by the S-SV EMS Agency Medical Director on interfacility transport optional skills will be permitted to utilize such skills during interfacility transports.

Only those ALS ambulance providers approved by the S-SV EMS Agency Medical Director will be permitted to provide the services of interfacility optional skills during interfacility transports.

Patients that are candidates for paramedic transport will have the following as indicated:

- **Nitroglycerin, Heparin and/or Amiodarone Infusions**
 - a. Pre-existing nitroglycerin, heparin and/or amiodarone infusions in peripheral or central IV lines.
 - b. The nitroglycerin, heparin and/or amiodarone infusion will have been running for at least 30 minutes prior to transport.

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- **Automatic Transport Ventilators**

- a. Paramedics shall not initiate ventilator support

PROCEDURE

1. The transferring hospital shall ensure the paramedic receives transferring orders from the transferring physician prior to leaving the sending hospital. These orders will include a telephone number where the transferring physician can be reached during transport in addition to the following as indicated:

- **Nitroglycerin, Heparin and/or Amiodarone Infusions**

- a. Type of solution
- b. Dosage and rate of infusion

- **Automatic Transport Ventilators**

- a. Parameters for maintaining and adjusting ventilations during transport
2. The transferring hospital is responsible for mixing and labeling the nitroglycerin, heparin and/or amiodarone infusions. If the existing infusion will not be sufficient for transport, then the hospital must provide additional pre-mixed infusion that is clearly labeled.
 3. Transferring physicians must be aware of the general scope of practice of paramedics and transport parameters outlined in Policy # 841 and #842.

CROSS REFERENCES:

Prehospital Care Policy Manual

Paramedic interfacility transport optional skills: Service provider requirements & responsibilities, Reference No. 441

Paramedic interfacility transport optional skills: application and approval process, Reference No. 442

Intravenous infusion of nitroglycerin, heparin &/or amiodarone during interfacility transfers, Reference No. 841

Automatic Transport Ventilators during interfacility transfers, Reference No. 842