La Plata County EMS agencies are often called upon to transport patients from one facility to another, or from a facility to another transport agency, i.e. aircraft. These transports may require personnel to monitor medications not encountered in the course of our regular duties. By state guidelines, EMS personnel can monitor these medications without exceeding their scope of practice.

Provisions

1. EMS agencies may transport patients receiving continuous infusions of medications not normally in the prehospital formulary provided:
   a. The medication is included in the expanded formulary below.
   b. The medication is initiated at a facility by or under the direct order and supervision of a licensed medical provider.
   c. The lead medic is at least an EMT-I. Most of the medications require an EMT-P.
2. Additionally, while the medication is being administered:
   a. EMS must being able to provide the level of patient monitoring required for the medication.
   b. EMS must be able to continue the infusion in the same manner that it was initiated, i.e. by infusion pump.
   c. EMS may not alter dosages or rates in the field without contact with medical control.

Notes

1. Facilities may not be aware of EMS capabilities for transport medications. Always consult the formulary prior to accepting a patient for transport.
2. If you are unfamiliar with a medication or are uncomfortable transporting a patient, contact your supervisor.
3. If the hospital is able to release a RN to assist with the transport, the monitoring of medications becomes their responsibility and these provisions no longer apply.

Inter-facility Transports

Inter-facility Transport Formulary

Medication	EMT-I	EMT-P
Amiodarone continuous infusion	Y	Y
Lidocaine continuous infusion	Y	Y
Glycoprotein inhibitors	N	Y
Heparin (unfractionated)	N	Y
Heparin (low molecular weight)	N	Y
Diltiazem (maximum 15mg/hour)	N	Y
Nitroglycerin continuous infusion	N	Y
Magnesium sulfate (maximum 4g/hour)	N	Y
Oxytocin	N	Y
Non-blood component colloids	Y	Y
Total parenteral nutrition	Y	Y
Antibiotic infusions	Y	Y
Sodium bicarbonate infusion	N	Y
Methylprednisolone infusion	N	Y
Potassium chloride infusion	N	Y

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