

Southern Illinois Regional EMS System

EE-21 ACUTE ABDOMINAL PAIN NON-TRAUMATIC

ALS/ILS/BLS

1. Special Considerations:
 - 1.1. Standard blood and body fluid precautions if present.
 - 1.2. Consider cardiac/great vessel etiologies and anticipate need for rapid transport.
 - 1.3. Document and report jaundice.
 - 1.4. Report nature and amount of any vomiting/diarrhea.
 - 1.5. Obtain history including:
 - 1.5.1. Onset.
 - 1.5.2. Duration.
 - 1.5.3. Quality.
 - 1.5.4. Severity of pain.
 - 1.6. Assess for hypovolemia and treat according to Hypovolemia (EE-17) SOP.
2. Stable patient (alert, oriented, Normotensive).
 - 2.1. ALS:
 - 2.1.1. Contact medical control for IV orders.
 - 2.1.2. Orders for IV fluids may or may not be given.
 - 2.2. Transport in position of comfort.
3. Unstable patient (altered sensorium, signs of hypoperfusion, guarding or rigidity with abdominal wall):
 - 3.1. 100% oxygen with NRM or assist with BVM.
 - 3.2. ALS/ILS:
 - 3.2.1. Contact medical control.
 - 3.2.2. Initiate large bore IV of NS or LR at wide open rate per Hypovolemia (EE-17) SOP.
 - 3.2.3. Do not give any pain medication.
 - 3.3. Rapid transport.