

Southern Illinois Regional EMS System

II-11 SUBLINGUAL ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATIONS

Policy:

- To establish guidelines for the sublingual administration of medication.

Equipment:

- Gloves (PPE).
- Medication.

Procedure:

- Verify PPE is in place.
- Assemble all necessary supplies.
- Check for the “6 Rights of Medication Administration”
 - Right Patient
 - Right Drug
 - Right Dose
 - Right Route
 - Right Time
 - Right Documentation
- Place the medication directly under the patient’s tongue.
- Have patient close mouth and let the medication dissolve.
- Make sure the patient does not swallow medication:
 - This may diminish the effects of the medication.
- Monitor patient for desired therapeutic effects and/or possible complications.

Documentation:

- Who performed task.
- PPE and equipment used.
- Name, concentration – dosage of medication.
- Any complications or undesired side effects.
- Were desired therapeutic effects attained?
- Time medication was administered.