

Southern Illinois Regional EMS System

B-9 OVERVIEW OF STANDARDS OF PRACTICE

ALS/ILS

Intubation:

- EMT-Intermediates and EMT-Paramedics/Pre-hospital RNs and qualified students functioning within the EMS System may intubate in the field and OR.

Airway Protocol:

- Approved methods of basic and advanced airway management include:
 - Endotracheal intubation
 - Digital endotracheal intubation
 - Cricothyrotomy
 - Nasopharyngeal and oral airways
 - Supraglottic Airways
 - Combi-Tube
 - King Airway
- Airway management methods not approved:
 - EOA
 - EGTA
 - Nasal Intubation
- Intubation attempts are limited to two prior to radio contact
- Maintain respirations with BVM and nasal/oral airway and contact medical control.
- Do not delay transport time attempting to intubate.

IV Therapy:

- To keep vein open rate (TKO) shall be at a rate of 16-20 gtts/min.
- Two (2) attempts prior to radio contact.
 - If IV fluids are critical to the patient's care, such as hypovolemic shock, then a third attempt may be made.
 - If IV fluids or medication administration are critical to patient care, IO access may be obtained.

Medication:

- First-line medications specific to a life-threatening dysrhythmia or condition can be administered prior to radio contact. See specific protocols.
- Medical control must order the following medications:
 - Phenergan
 - Morphine (for non-cardiac)
 - Ativan
 - Toradol

Scene Time:

- Scene time limit is maximum twenty (20) minutes or less when at all possible.
 - Certain situations such as full arrest, difficult extrication and critical patients in remote areas may exceed the limit when directed by medical control.
- Contact with medical control should be established as soon as possible to promote reduced scene times.
- Intercepts with other services: < 5 minutes.

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Medical Control Communication:

- ALS/ILS personnel are required to contact Medical Control anytime protocols were followed in the absence of communication with medical control, such as "Load and Go" situations.
 - Minimum information given shall include:
 - Circumstances for operating on protocols
 - Description of incident including patient assessment, treatment and transport time and facility.
 - Condition of patient after treatment and upon arrival.
- Medical Control will document all ALS/ILS runs when protocols are followed on the ALS/ECRN chart.
- When protocols are followed in the absence of Medical Control contact, complete the above requirements within one hour of the event.