



EXISTING DEVICES AND MEDICATIONS

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BLS

ALS

- If patient or accompanying person able to manage existing device, proceed with transport
 - Bring back-up equipment/batteries as appropriate
- Established electrolyte and/or glucose-containing peripheral IV lines**
- Maintain at preset rates
- Established IV pumps or other existing devices**
- Contact BH for direction, if person responsible for operating IV pump or device is unable to accompany patient and manage IV during transport
- BH may only direct BLS personnel to leave device as found or turn the device off, then transport patient or wait for ALS arrival**
- Transdermal medication**
- Remove patches PRN (e.g., unstable, CPR status)
- Transports to another facility or home**
- No waiting period is required after medication administration
 - IV solutions with added medications or other ALS treatment/monitoring modalities require ALS personnel (or RN/MD) in attendance during transport
 - Cap end of catheter with device that occludes end if there is a central line

- Criteria for use of existing peripheral vascular access with external port**
- For immediate life threat **only**
 - EJ/IO access preferred over accessing percutaneous dialysis catheter (e.g., Vascath) or shunt/graft
 - Monitor and administer via existing dialysis catheter (aspirate 5 mL **prior** to infusion*)
- OR**
- Access graft/AV fistula
- Assist with administration of physician-prescribed self-administered emergency medication** [Ⓞ] (e.g., hydrocortisone (Solu-Cortef[®]) for Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia)
- Paramedics may assist patient/family to draw up and administer emergency medication with BHO
- Intubated patients with agitation and potential for airway compromise**
- Midazolam 2-5 mg IM/IN/IV, MR x1 in 5-10 min

Note: Existing devices and medications include physician-prescribed medications

* Dialysis catheter contains concentrated dose of heparin, which must be aspirated **prior** to infusion

[Ⓞ] Per Title 22, Chapter 2, § 100063, EMS clinicians may “assist patients with the administration of physician-prescribed ... self-administered emergency medications...”