

Subject: Certification
Paramedic Continuation of Antibiotics for IFT

Associated Policies:

- I. Authority and Reference (incorporated herein by reference)
 - A. Division 2.5 of the Health and Safety Code
 - B. California Code of Regulations, Title 22
 - C. North Coast Emergency Medical Services Policies and Procedures

- II. Purpose
To allow North Coast EMS Paramedics to utilize specific procedures, including monitoring of IV infusions of antibiotics, during inter-facility transfers from within the North Coast EMS region, consistent with California State laws, regulations and North Coast EMS policy and protocol.

- III. Procedure:
 - A. General eligibility criteria:
 - 1. Paramedics must be a current North Coast EMS-issued EMT-P accreditation.
 - 2. Paramedics must be currently affiliation with a North Coast EMS approved "Paramedic Transfer Provider".
 - 3. Paramedics must document successful completion of a training program in monitoring IV infusions of antibiotics and successful demonstration of skills proficiency with IV pump management conducted by their providers.

 - B. Paramedic Transfer Provider:
 - 1. Agencies will ensure that paramedics receive training prior to utilizing this procedure.
 - 2. Agencies will ensure that no paramedic will utilize this procedure prior to appropriate training.
 - 3. Agencies utilizing their own IV pumps will ensure that their paramedics are proficient in their use.
 - 4. Agencies utilizing the hospital pumps will work with the Prehospital Nurse Coordinator to provide training in their use.
 - 5. All documentation of training and testing will be maintained by the agency.