

Subject: Certification - Paramedic
Local Optional Scope of Practice for Interfacility Transfers

Purpose	A. To allow North Coast EMS Paramedics to utilize specific procedures during inter-facility transfers from within the North Coast EMS region, consistent with California State laws, regulations and North Coast EMS policy and protocol. B. Procedures include Heparin and Nitroglycerin infusions, administration of blood and blood products and the continuation of antibiotics during inter-facility transports.
Procedure General Eligibility Criteria	A. Paramedics must be a current North Coast EMS-issued Paramedic accreditation. B. Currently employed by an approved North Coast EMS ALS Provider and permitted to transport patients from within the North Coast EMS region. C. Paramedics must document successful completion of the required training by a North Coast EMS approved training program that includes the successful demonstration of skills proficiency with IV pump management conducted by their providers.
Procedure Paramedic Transport Agency	A. Agencies will notify North Coast EMS in writing of their intent to utilize LOSOP IFT procedures for their paramedics and identify which procedures they plan on utilizing. B. Agencies will ensure that paramedics receive training prior to utilizing this procedure. C. Agencies will ensure that no paramedic will utilize this procedure prior to appropriate training. D. Agencies utilizing their own IV pumps will ensure that their paramedics are proficient in their use. E. Agencies utilizing the hospital pumps will work with the Prehospital Nurse Coordinator to provide training for their use. F. All documentation of training and testing will be maintained by the agency and made available to North Coast EMS when requested. G. Agencies will ensure that all paramedics receive the required refresher course every two years.
Associated Policies	Policy # 3408 Policy # 3410 Policy # 3411 Policy # 6543 Policy # 6544 Policy # 6545 Policy # 6559