

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 3, 2003

To: **Emergency Department Supervisor's**

Memorial Medical Center
Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital
Carlinville Area Hospital
Sarah Culbertson Memorial Hospital
St. Vincent's Memorial Hospital

St. John's Hospital
Edward A. Utlaut Hospital
Hillsboro Area Hospital
Mason District Hospital
St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital
St. Francis Hospital

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Re: Transfer of Patients Receiving Glycoprotein IIB/IIIA Receptor Inhibitors (Aggrastat, Integralin, Reopro)

This memo is to clarify and reiterate that ALS ambulance services in the MMC and SJH EMS Systems are allowed to transport patients with IV drips containing Glycoprotein IIB/IIIA Receptor Inhibitors (Aggrastat, Integralin, Reopro). These are not established by the paramedics, however they can be monitored and transported by them without a nurse accompanying the transfer. The procedure for transfer of Glycoprotein IIB/IIIA Receptor Inhibitors (Aggrastat, Integralin, Reopro):

Procedure for transfer

- A. Obtain patient report from the RN caring for the patient in the transferring facility with special attention to the following:
 1. Patient condition including recent vital signs.
 2. All drugs being infused – know rate of infusion for each.
 3. Transfer orders – including measures to be taken if bleeding occurs which cannot be controlled with direct pressure.
- B. Assess the patient for any signs of bleeding.
- C. The glycoprotein inhibitor infusion **MUST BE** maintained on an IV pump at the ordered rate of infusion.
- D. Check the infusion frequently to ensure it is infusing at the correct rate.
- E. Observe the IV site for any signs of infiltration – if this occurs, discontinue the site and apply a pressure dressing. Restart the line as soon as possible and continue with the same rate of infusion. Make note of the length of time the infusion was stopped and report to staff at the receiving facility.
- F. Monitor the patient for any potential hemorrhage, especially at infusion sites, other needle stick sites, and mucous membranes. If bleeding or suspected bleeding is noted which cannot be controlled with direct pressure, follow transfer orders or contact Medical Control for instructions.

If you have questions please feel free to contact us at SJH 525-5645 or MMC 788-3973.

ALS Ambulance Services in MMC and SJH EMS Systems

SPRINGFIELD

America Ambulance
Lifestar Ambulance
Springfield Area Ambulance (SAA)

LINCOLN

Logan County Paramedic Association

VIRGINIA

MECCA Ambulance

TAYLORVILLE

Dunn's Ambulance
Sutton's Ambulance

GREENVILLE

Bond County EMS

HILLSBORO

Hillsboro Area Ambulance

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