Mercy EMS Education

Clinical Operations Team

Fine Tuning Our Practice

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Label Push Dose Epinephrine or Nitro

When drawing up push dose epinephrine or a syringe of nitroglycerin – the syringe **must** be marked. Typically marked with a piece of silk tape and the medication written on that tape.

EMS Vehicle Operators Have the Greatest Responsibility

The provider in the back of the ambulance only has the responsibility of the patients care and safety. The vehicle operator has the greater responsibility of your partners safety, the patient's safety, and every other citizen's safety in the path of our 10,000lb vehicle.

Patient with hypoglycemia, initial blood sugar of 30, given oral glucose, rise to 60 and allowed to PRC.

- **This chart should be an ALS chart.**
- **Good documentation and complete capacity assessment should be documented by the ALS provider if present.**
- **Abnormal low glucose should be treated as an "abnormal" vital sign and requires the ALS transport or PRC documentation when present at the scene.**

Patients reports of kidney stones, blood in urine, pain 10/10 should be transported by ALS when available.

- **From a pain control setting, a 10/10 pain scale should be transported by ALS unless significant documentation of why BLS is appropriate.**

Patients 75 yrs/old, fall with head injury on blood thinners should be transported by ALS.

- **Head trauma on blood thinners is a minimum of a level 3 trauma team activation at most trauma centers and would be an ALS transport when available.**

Cadaver Lab this week: Jan 6, 7, and 8

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