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Clinical Operations Team

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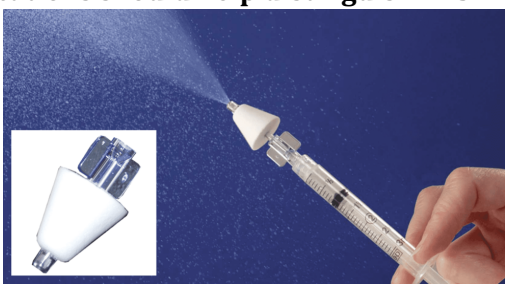
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Cervical collars should never be used for airway positioning.

- **Good BLS and ALS airway maneuvers and positioning should never include a cervical collar.**
- **Cervical collars or foam rolls are only used in our cervical spinal stabilization procedure.**

Patients being transferred from facility to facility with known appendicitis, on IV fluids and receiving pain medications in the ED should be transported by ALS when present.

- **Continuing IV fluids and the option to provide IV pain medications should help distinguish ALS transport when available.**



Patients with seizure and needing IN versed, should have a medication cross-check prior to administration.

- **We often carry and receive different concentrations of midazolam and concentration should be evaluated with our medication cross-check procedure prior to administration.**
- **Medication cross-check should be our typical operation with the administration of ALL medications.**

Patients are determined in need of a trauma center based on the ACS Field Triage Guidelines. Mechanism is a consideration, but no longer a criterion for trauma center transport.

- **If the patient has no findings of injury or vital sign abnormalities a not trauma center can be considered even in concerning mechanisms.**
- **If transporting to a non-trauma center, good documentation and rationale based on the patient's condition.**

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