Mercy EMS Education

Clinical Operations Team

Fine Tuning Our Practice

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I/O Placement

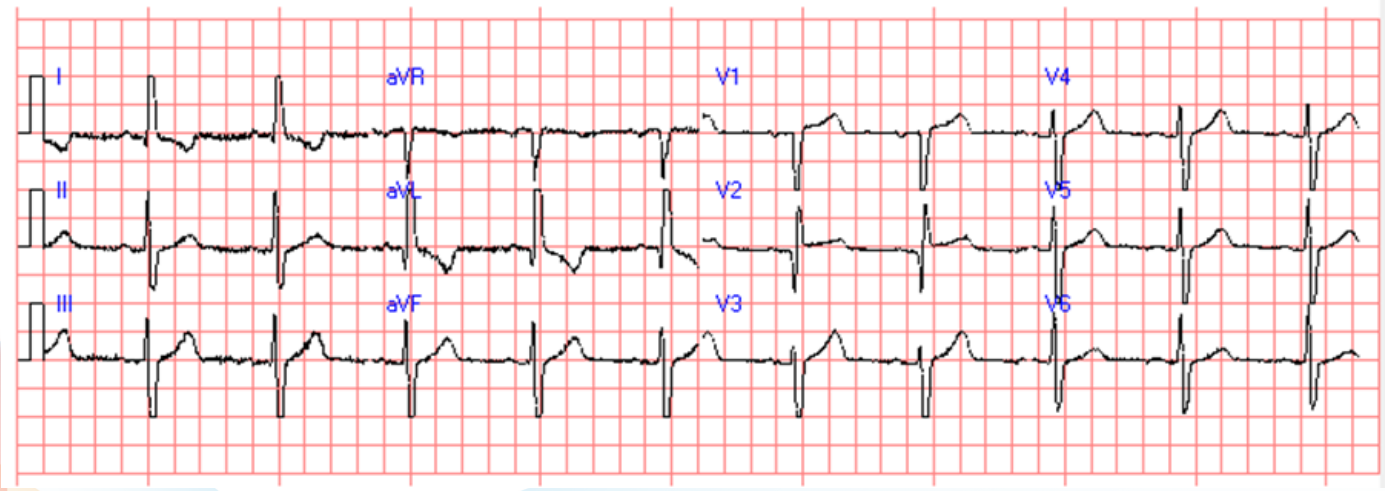
- **I/O placement should be connected to IV fluids to keep flow and open**
- **If continued fluids are discontinued, the I/O likely needs a power flush again that will likely cause pain.**

70's year old patient with increasing weakness and was transported by BLS.

- **Increase risk in a patient's with general weakness and elderly.**
- **These patients should be transported by ALS unless there is rare or unique circumstances.**

70's year old patient with weakness and near syncope while shopping. Patient ultimately PRC'd and did not wish transport.

- **EKG was performed and abnormal and concerning for myocardial ischemia.**
- **All efforts should be used to convince this patient to transport: Including calling medical control and/or supervisor.**



70's year old patient with abdominal pain and general weakness should be transported by ALS when available.

- **Elderly, abdominal pain, general weakness are all reasons this should be ALS unless there is some rare extenuated circumstances.**

