



EMT'S ASSISTING ON ADVANCED PROCEDURES

PURPOSE

To outline duties that a Paramedic may delegate to an EMT during patient care.

POLICY

1. An EMT may set up the following equipment after successful completion of a training program as approved by the Agency Medical Director:
 - a. Assembly of IV/IO fluid administration sets to include:
 - Saline lock
 - Fluids and drop sets
 - b. Application of ALS monitoring equipment to include:
 - Monitoring leads
 - 12-Lead Electrocardiogram
 - Noninvasive automatic blood pressure devices
 - Continuous pulse oximetry devices
 - Continuous waveform capnography devices
2. An EMT may use a Paramedic's blood glucose monitor to determine a patient's blood glucose if so trained. EMTs may independently determine blood glucose only if so trained and the agency for which they are practicing under has approval to carry and use point-of-care blood glucose testing equipment.
3. Under no circumstances shall a BLS provider perform IV cannulation or diagnose electrocardiograms.
4. Even after the completion of any "ALS assistant" program (also known as Assist-A-Tech), the EMT is not certified to practice beyond the scope of the NYS BLS curriculum, and at all times is operating under the delegated practice of the ALS provider.
5. EMTs shall have the responsibility to decline requests for assistance if they have not been trained or are not comfortable providing the assistance.