Loudoun County Emergency Medical Services Council, Inc.

EMS Policy #05

Cardiac Monitoring and Delegation of Authority by EMT-I/P

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1. ALS Personnel certified at the level of EMT-I/P are authorized to establish cardiac monitoring.
2. EMT-B's and EMT-E's may assist with cardiac monitoring in the **presence of and under the delegated authority** of an EMT-I/P, provided that the EMT-B/E has completed an appropriate training program conducted by their respective EMS Agency. The emergency use of semi-automated external defibrillators is governed separately under the policy "Semi-Automated External Defibrillation".

   EMT-B's may assist with Intravenous set-up and CPAP set-up under direction of a locally authorized EMT I/P provided that the EMT-B has completed an appropriate training program conducted by their respective EMS Agency.
3. When monitoring is established, a report of patient's rhythm shall be provided to receiving hospital in radio and bedside reports. Copies of rhythm strips shall be attached to **all** copies of the EMS PPCR Form with the exception of the pharmacy copy and distributed to the designated individuals or locations. In addition, the appropriate notations will be made in the space provided for EKG Rhythm on the PPCR Form, which in turn will be signed by the receiving physician.
4. EMT-B's are authorized to assist and/or administer Aspirin or Nitroglycerin when such administration is performed in the **presence of and under the delegated authority** of an EMT-I/P. In these instances the EMT-I/P shall assume responsibility for the correct administration of such medications.
5. EMT-E's are authorized to assist and/or administer medications not specifically authorized by their level of training (i.e. Amiodarone, Sodium Bicarbonate, Atropine, etc.) when such administration is performed in the **presence of and under the delegated authority** of an EMT-I/P. In these instances the EMT-I/P shall assume responsibility for the correct administration of such medications.

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