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Bailey March 1, 2015

Borden

Carson

TO: SPEMS EMS Services

Castro

Childress

SUBJECT: SPEMS EMT-PARAMEDIC PROTOCOL VARIANCE

Cochran

Cottle

Due to the ongoing medication shortage issues, both Lactated Ringers (LR) and Normal Saline (NS) appear to be in short supply.

Crosby

Dawson

Limit your administration of IV infusion to the following patients:

Dickens

Donley

- **Cardiac Arrest-not to exceed 3000ml**
- **Hypoperfusion with a Systolic Blood Pressure < 90 and the patient is hemodynamically unstable-not to exceed 2000ml**
- **In all other patients that the medic believes may benefit from IV access-not to exceed 500-1000 ml**
- **For all others, use a saline lock if you have the ability to administer a saline flush**

Floyd

Gaines

Garza

Hale

Hemphill

Hockley

Please let this letter serve as your authority to use either IV solution interchangeably should you not be able to obtain one or the other from your supplier.

Kent

King

Lamb

*This is a **temporary** variance and strictly to be used as a last resort, and will remain in effect until either LR or NS is available once again from the manufacturer.*

Lubbock

Lynn

You will need to place a copy of this letter in each protocol book in each ambulance.

Motley

Parmer

Scurry

Sincerely,

Swisher

Terry


Charles E. Addington II, D.O.
Medical Director

Yoakum