

12.02 INTRAVENOUS INFUSION OF HEPARIN CCT PARAMEDICS

- Per Policies 4070 & 4071, these IV Infusions and Interventions are only to be monitored/operated by those with the specific training and scope allowed for CCT-Paramedics.
- Patients shall be placed on cardiac monitor for duration of transport.
- Signed transfer orders from the transferring physician must be obtained prior to transport and must provide for maintaining the **Heparin** infusion during transport.
- If medication administration is interrupted (infiltration, accidental disconnection, malfunctioning pump, etc.) the CCT-P may restart the IV line as delineated in the transfer orders. Caution must be used to prevent inadvertent overdose of medication.
- The following parameters shall apply to all patients with pre-existing **Heparin** infusions:
 - Medication concentration will not exceed 100 units/ml of IV fluid (25,000 units/250 ml or 50,000 units/500 ml).
 - Infusion rates must remain constant during transport with no regulation of rates being performed by the CCT-P.
- If pump failure occurs and cannot be corrected, the paramedic is to discontinue **Heparin** infusion and notify the transferring physician or the base hospital physician if the transferring physician is not available.