

# Special Skill Guidelines

## **ILS Unit Ativan Administration**

Designation of Condition: ILS transfer units may be utilized to provide the inter-facility transport of stable patients requiring monitoring for potentially unpredictable psychiatric conditions and possible combative behavior or severe agitation during out of town transports. The EMT-Intermediate will be in attendance at all times during the transfer. This information will be determined by the dispatch center prior to dispatching an ILS unit to the transfer.

EMT-Intermediates may not attend during the transfer of patients with the following complaints or diagnoses:

1. Psychiatric patients known to be combative or who have assaulted healthcare workers during their current episode.
2. Psychiatric patients requiring chemical sedation for significant agitation.
3. Psychiatric patients known to require physical restraint for the duration of a transport.
4. Acute neurological change or mental status changes
5. Acute overdose (Exceptions: opiates and acute alcohol intoxication)
6. Or other patients deemed beyond the EMT-I scope of practice

If, during an out of town transport, the patient exhibits combative behavior or severe agitation that puts the EMT-Intermediate at risk for injury, the EMT-Intermediate will administer the Ativan immediately, and will place the patient in full physical restraints when it is safe to do so. If Ativan administration is well-tolerated by the patient and there are no signs of clinical deterioration, the ILS unit will continue transport to the destination facility. If Ativan administration results in complications, the EMT-I will request an ALS or CCT provider for a rendezvous with the ILS unit from the nearest EMS or Fire Agency via the AAS Communications Center.

During transport, the EMT-Intermediate will document vital signs at least every 60 mins, and every 10 minutes once Ativan is administered. Every ILS transport involving Ativan administration for pain management will be immediately routed for QI review.

