

Special Skill Guidelines

ILS-C Unit Fentanyl Administration

Designation of Condition: ILS-C transfer units may be utilized to provide interfacility transport of stable patients requiring pain management with the use of Fentanyl. The EMT-Intermediate who is ILS-C certified will be in attendance at all times during the transfer. The patient will have been evaluated by a physician and deemed to meet the following criteria. This information will be determined by the dispatch center prior to dispatching an ILS-C unit to the transfer.

The following vital signs criteria must be met:

1. Heart rate > 50 and < 130
2. Respiratory rate > 10 and < 24 with Sao2 > 90% (on supplemental oxygen okay)
3. Systolic BP > 90 mmHg

The following conditions are permitted for, but not limited to, the administration of Fentanyl by the Lead EMT-Intermediate for treatment of severe pain:

1. Headaches without neurologic deficits
2. Abdominal pain
3. Non traumatic and traumatic extremity pain
4. Pelvic pain (non-gravid)
5. Cellulitis or other localized infections
6. Neck, back or flank pain

During transport, the EMT-Intermediate will document vital signs at least every 15 mins. Every ILS-C transport involving Fentanyl administration for pain management will be immediately routed for QI review.

During transport, if any of the following occurs, the EMT-I should request an ALS unit immediately for a rendezvous:

1. Patient's vital signs change and end up outside of the allowable parameters listed above
2. Patient's LOC deteriorates
3. Patient develops chest pain or angina equivalent of suspected cardiac origin
4. Patient has acute neurological changes or seizure activity
5. Patient develops acute respiratory distress
6. Patient requires physical or chemical restraint
7. Any change in patient condition that the EMT-I feels is outside of their comfort level or they feel that they patient is not appropriate for their level of care

