

ON-LINE MEDICAL DIRECTION

All patients less than 5 (five) years of age, and not specifically addressed in the following sections, will require on-line medical direction approval for intravenous (IV) therapy.

OFF-LINE MEDICAL DIRECTION

Patients 5 (years) of age and older (and those who appear to be > 5 years of age but are unable to communicate or document their age) may be considered for off-line medical direction approval for IV therapy under the following circumstances:

Saline Lock:

- Altered level of consciousness
- Arrhythmia
- Bites & envenomations with generalized reaction
- Cardiac arrest
- Chest pain
- Diabetic emergency
- Dyspnea – moderate to severe
- Head trauma with altered level of consciousness
- Headache - severe
- Hypertension
- Seizure
- Weakness & malaise

Saline lock followed by a 500cc bolus normal saline (0.9% NaCl) IVF (note: the EMT-I will contact on-line medical direction after the completion of fluid bolus for further fluid orders):

- Amputation
- Anaphylaxis
- Abdominal pain
- Cold emergencies with altered level of consciousness
- Heat emergencies
- Hemorrhage
- Hypotension (Systolic <90)
- Major multisystem trauma
- Nausea & vomiting
- Pregnancy related emergencies
- Poisoning & overdose
- Skeletal injuries with suspected fracture/dislocation

Saline lock followed by Lactated Ringers IVF at KVO (note: the EMT-I will contact on-line medical direction following establishment of IVF to determine fluid order):

- Burns

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