PERIPHERAL IV ACCESS/HEPARIN OR SALINE LOCK EMMCO WEST ALS GUIDELINE

Criteria:

A. Patient in need of fluid administration for volume expansion or medication administration.

Exclusion Criteria:

- A. Patient has a functioning peripheral extremity IV.
- B. Patient has an indwelling central venous line and is hemodynamically unstable.

Procedure:

A. See accompanying flowchart

Notes:

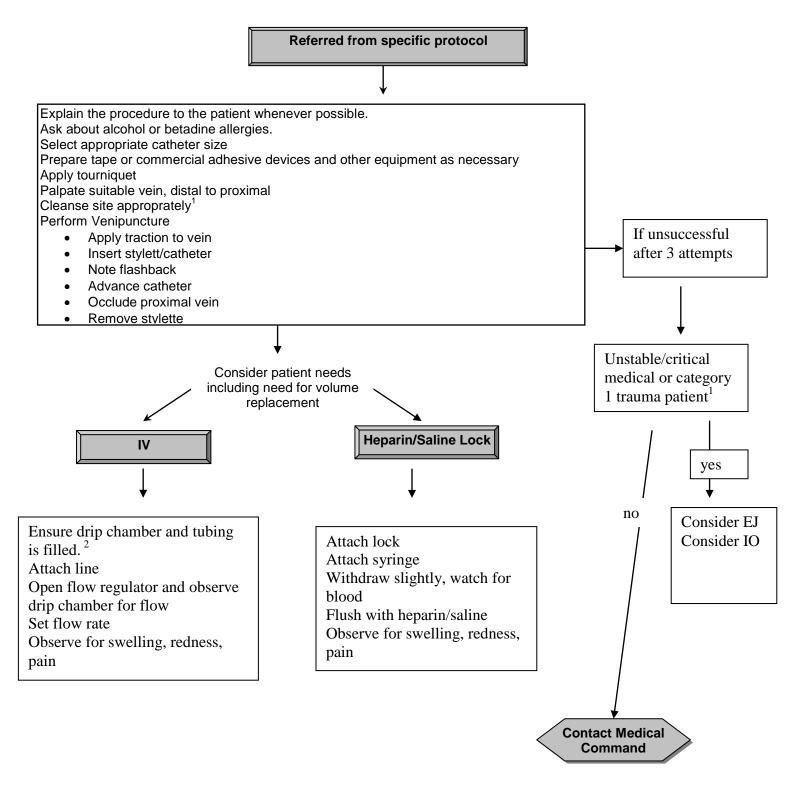
- 1. After 3 attempts at an IV, contact medical command for guidance in non-critical patients.
- 2. Unless otherwise specified, use Macro drip tubing (10-20 gtt/ml)
- 3. Unless otherwise specified, order for IV access in adults is peripheral, external jugular, IO.
- 4. The ALS practitioner may attempt Jugular and IO if unable to access an IV in a Category 1 trauma patient on unstable/critical medical patient.
- 5. Document fluid type, size of catheter, site, and any complications on Pa PCR

Possible Medical Command Orders:

- **A.** Jugular and IO access are at the discretion of the MC physician for critical or unstable medical patients.
- B. Category 2 trauma patient: Jugular and IO access at the discretion of the MC physician.
- **C.** Category 3 trauma patients generally do not need Jugular or IO access if a peripheral IV is not possible.
- D. Unless otherwise specified, order for IV access in adults is peripheral, external jugular, IO.

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