

As of August the 10th, Paramedics have been cleared to do inter-facility transports on patients who have infusions of Insulin, Propofol and Leveophed running. They will be transporting these patients on the hospital Alaris pumps. These pumps are required to be brought back to the sending facility and will be signed out and signed in once returned.

For patient safety the following guidelines must be met before the Paramedics leave our facility with the patient.

- Patients weight and the dose of the medication running at time of handover to paramedics must **be documented on EMTALA**
- **There must be clear ,written, titration guidelines on the medications running , on the EMTALA**
- **There must be a recent documented blood sugar written on the EMTALA if patient is receiving Insulin**
- There must be a recent K+ level, with in the last 4 hours, on patients who are receiving Insulin.

EMS providers may ask for a repeat if the level is low (3.6 or less), and no Potassium supplementation has been given.

Although the Paramedics have received training on these medications, this is still a high risk situation. Patient safety comes first and the transporting medics have been encouraged by Dr Shank, EMS Medical director, to ask questions and bring up any concerns they may have. If it is felt, that the patient requires a higher level of care during the inter-facility transport, the option remains to contact Guardian Air or Ground.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact myself or Dr Shank
Thank you
Debbie