

INDICATIONS

Administration of prescribed medications during an interfacility transfer (IFT)

CONTRAINDICATIONS

All contraindications must be addressed by the prescribing physician prior to IFT

NOTES

- 1. During an IFT paramedics with the primary or intermediate work scope (A01) may be required to administer a scheduled or unscheduled (PRN) medication that has been prescribed at the referring facility, but is not covered by an ERS standing order.
 - Paramedics with the basic work scope cannot administer a medication that is not within their ERS work scope, regardless of a physician order. They may, however, assist a patient in taking their prescribed scheduled or PRN medications
- 2. A signed order from the prescribing physician (A08) is required. A copy of the order must accompany the patient and be appended to the patient care record.
 - The order must include the dose, route of administration, repeat dosing, and dosing interval. Times for scheduled medications must be specified. The parameters for administering an unscheduled (PRN) medicine must be included. The administration route must be within the paramedic's work scope and competency.
 - The medications must be documented in the patient care record (PCR) in the required format.
- 3. Paramedics will not comply with an order that they know to be wrong, inaccurate, or illegible.
- 4. Paramedics may only accept a medication from the referring facility that is appropriately packaged and labelled. Controlled substances must be securely stored.

LINKS / REFERENCES

- A01 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE OVERVIEW
- A08 WHO CAN GIVE ORDERS (STANDING ORDERS & DELEGATIONS)

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