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IV Attempts

Purpose: To provide direction and clarification to Advanced EMT's in obtaining IV access.

Background: The question of how many IV attempts, who should accompany to the hospital following IV attempts and what to document on the PCR, came up at our REMAC meeting on October 25th, 2010. While many felt that clinical judgment should prevail the REMAC decided that some direction could be provided that would assist Advanced EMT's providing care in the field.

Advisory: If vascular access is attempted by a provider and is unsuccessful, that level of provider or higher must accompany the patient to the hospital or a REMAC physician must be consulted. The number of attempts, the provider making the attempts, site of attempts, catheter size, solution, rate and total amount infused must be documented on the PCR. Good clinical judgment will dictate the maximum number of vascular access attempts made.

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