

**OKALOOSA COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE**

Title: Peripheral Venous Access for EMTs
Policy: 419.00
Purpose: To provide Medical Director approved procedures for EMTs employed by OCEMS regarding the initiating of a peripheral venous IV while on-duty.

Policy:

State Regulations

Per the Department of Health, Bureau of EMS, Chapter 64E-2.008 of the Florida Administrative Code:

An EMT employed by a licensed ALS provider, is authorized to start a nonmedicated IV under the following conditions:

1. A non-medicated IV is initiated only in accordance with department approved protocols as approved by the medical director. This protocol includes the requirement that the non-medicated IV be initiated in the presence of a Florida certified paramedic (of the same licensed provider) who directs the EMT to start the IV.
2. By utilizing EMTs in this capacity, OCEMS shall ensure that the medical director approves training equivalent to that required by the 1999 U.S. D.O.T. EMT-Intermediate National Standard Curriculum relating to IV therapy. OCEMS will document successful completion of such training in each EMTs training file and make documentation available to the Bureau of EMS upon request.
3. The EMT operating under this protocol must be employed with OCEMS and be on-duty when performing peripheral venous access on a patient. The run report must reflect the name of the EMT who initiated the IV.

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EMT's who have successfully cleared their probationary period of six months are eligible to receive training on peripheral venous access.

The EMT will need to successfully complete the didactic portion and be checked off on 10 successful IV attempts.

EMT's are only allowed to access peripheral veins, interosseous and external jugular access is strictly prohibited.

Accountability and Compliance:

1. Each EMT is responsible for submitting their check off paperwork upon completion.
2. It is the responsibility of the paramedic on-scene to ensure that the above SOP is carefully followed.

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