

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA
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Manual	Emergency Medical Services Administrative Policies and Procedures	Policy Number 540.03
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References	California Code of Regulations Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 4	Effective 06/01/2018

I. PURPOSE

To authorize CCPs to monitor existing intravenous amiodarone hydrochloride infusions during scheduled interfacility transport.

II. POLICY

- A. Only authorized CCPs will be permitted to monitor amiodarone hydrochloride infusions during scheduled interfacility transports.
- B. **CCPs may not initiate amiodarone hydrochloride infusions.**

III. PROCEDURE

- A. The following parameters shall apply to all patients with pre-existing amiodarone hydrochloride infusions:
 - 1. Medication concentration must be a minimum concentration of **150mg/250mL (0.6 mg/mL)**; unstable in more dilute solutions.
 - 2. Infusion rates must follow physician orders during transport with no regulation of rates being performed by the CCP, except for the discontinuation of the infusion.
 - 3. Infusion rates shall be consistent with Policy 540.02 Attachment A - CCEMSA CCP Transfer Form
 - 4. Physician guidelines must specify the infusion rate within the CCCP Scope of practice.
 - 5. Y – Injection incompatibility; the following will precipitate with amiodarone hydrochloride
 - a. Heparin Sodium
 - b. Sodium Bicarbonate
- B. In infusions longer than one hour, amiodarone hydrochloride concentrations **should not exceed 2mg/mL** unless a central venous catheter is used.
- C. Infusions must be by a mechanical pump familiar to the CCP. If a pump failure occurs and cannot be corrected, the CCP is to discontinue the amiodarone hydrochloride infusion and notify the base physician.

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- D. If medication administration is interrupted (infiltration, accidental disconnection, malfunctioning pump, etc.), the CCP may restart the line.
- E. Written transfer orders from the transferring physician must be obtained prior to transport. Transfer orders must provide for maintaining the amiodarone hydrochloride infusion during transport.
- F. Patients shall be placed and maintained on cardiac and pulse oximetry monitors during transport.