

**CENTRAL CALIFORNIA**  
**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**  
A Division of the Fresno County Department of Public Health

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| Manual     | Emergency Medical Services<br>Administrative Policies and Procedures | Policy Number 540.17 |
| Subject    | Critical Care Paramedic Protocols<br><b>NOREPINEPHRINE INFUSION</b>  | Page 1 of 1          |
| References | California Code of Regulations Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 4       | Effective 07/31/2019 |

I. PURPOSE

To authorize CCPs to monitor and adjust existing intravenous norepinephrine infusions during scheduled interfacility transport.

II. POLICY

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

III. PROCEDURE

- A. The following parameters shall apply to all patients with pre-existing norepinephrine infusions:
  - 1. Infusion rates shall be consistent with Policy 540 Attachment A - CCEMSA CCP Transfer Form.
  - 2. Regulation of the infusion rate will occur within the parameters defined by the transferring physician, but **in no case will changes be greater than 10 mcg/min increments every 5 minutes without base hospital contact.**
- B. If medication administration is interrupted (infiltration, accidental disconnection, malfunctioning pump, etc.), the CCP may restart the line.
- C. A non-invasive blood pressure monitoring device that will provide accurate blood pressure readings every 5 minutes will be utilized.
- D. Signed transfer orders from the transferring physician must be obtained prior to transport. Transfer orders must provide for maintaining the norepinephrine infusion during transport, and the circumstances under which the rate will be maintained or the infusion discontinued.

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