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Manual:	Emergency Medical Services Administrative Policies and Procedures	Policy Number: 510.07
Subject:	Basic Life Support (BLS) Protocols	Page: 1 of 1
	MONITORING IVs (This protocol is for personnel certified as EMT-Is only)	
References:	California Administrative Code, Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 2	Effective: 11/15/83

- I. The Emergency Medical Technician-I (EMT-I), working for an approved emergency ambulance provider, may monitor peripheral lines delivering intravenous fluids during interfacility transport under the following conditions:
 - A. The patient is not critical and deemed stable by the transferring physician and the physician approves transport by an EMT-I.
 - B. No medication or electrolyte additives have been added to the intravenous fluids.
 - C. The patient does not have any other ALS procedures in progress.
 - D. The IV set-up does not utilize an IVAC or other flow rate monitor.
- II. The EMT-I may only monitor and turn off the flow of IV fluid.
- III. Any patient who has IV therapy initiated by a Paramedic in the field, must be accompanied to the hospital by the Paramedic. The patient may not be turned over to an EMT-I.
- IV. Patient controlled therapy or patients with home controlled therapy refer to EMS Policy #565.

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