

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

Manual	Emergency Medical Services Administrative Policies and Procedures	Policy Number 530.29
Subject	Paramedic Treatment Protocols VAGINAL BLEEDING	Page 1 of 1
References	Title 22, Division 9, Chapter 4 of the California Code of Regulations	Effective Fresno County: 01/15/82 Kings County: 04/10/89 Madera County: 06/15/85 Tulare County: 04/19/05

STANDING ORDERS	
1. Assessment	ABCs
2. Secure Airway	Protect with position, basic airway maneuvers, pharyngeal airway, advanced airway if indicated, assist respirations as needed, suction as needed.
3. Oxygen	Low flow if patient is symptomatic. High flow if patient is unstable. Refer to EMS Policy #530.02.
4. Transport	Assessment and vital signs enroute.
5. IV Access	LR standard tubing. Run wide open if BP less than 80 with signs/symptoms of shock. Fluid challenge if BP between 80 and 100 with signs/symptoms of shock. TKO if BP above 100.
6. Place Patient on Left Side	If patient is pregnant and beyond first trimester and signs/symptoms of shock. (Prevents enlarged uterus from blocking blood return via vena cava.)
7. Contact Hospital	Per EMS Policy #530.02.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION AND PRIORITIES

1. Assessment – last menstrual period, length of gestation if pregnant, abdominal masses or tenderness, amount of bleeding, passage of tissue, trauma.
2. There are few prehospital procedures available to control vaginal bleeding. Do not delay transport. Administer oxygen and establish IVs enroute.
3. Transport lights/siren if in shock or with heavy bleeding.
4. If tissue has been passed, place in a plastic bag and bring to the emergency department.

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