



**KITTITAS COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DIVISION**

Office of the:
MEDICAL PROGRAM DIRECTOR EMS COORDINATOR EMS & TRAUMA CARE COUNCIL

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

TO: Rodney Livinggood, Administrator
 Kittitas County Hospital District #2 – ICC Staff
 Kittitas County HD#2 – EMS Providers

FR: Jackson S. Horsley, MD
 Medical Program Director

RE: **EMT Scope of Practice**

DATE: June 14, 2000

It has been brought to my attention that there is a misconception as to the scope of practice of the Emergency Medical Technician-Basic provider. Please be advised of the following:

- EMT-Basics are not trained to attend to a patient with an IV, or monitor the IV during transport unless they have been trained in IV Maintenance and are recognized by me, the Medical Program Director, to operate under my protocols as such.
- If an EMT-IV Technician, EMT-Intermediate, or Paramedic level provider leaves a patient with an IV in the care of the EMT-Basic to drive the ambulance, it may be considered abandonment.
- An exception to this is when a heparin or saline lock has been installed on the IV (not at the hospital). If this were the case, intravenous fluids would not be part of the continuum of care. As long as the scope of care does not exceed the EMT-Basics scope of practice, the higher level EMS provider could drive and the EMT-B could attend the patient.

If there are any questions or concerns, please direct them to the EMS Division at the number below.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this concern.

cc: Licensed EMS Agencies