



IV Fluid Shortage - Protocol Revision

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To: All Regional EMS Providers

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Re: IV Fluid Shortage

Due to the national shortage of IV fluids, beginning immediately and until further notice, EMS providers will only spike and use a bag of Normal Saline (or any other IV fluid) if they are responding to the following categories of patients (unless otherwise directed by medical control):

- Hypotension, secondary to traumatic or medical issues
- Hypovolemia
- Cardiac Arrest
- All other patients should receive a saline lock until advised differently.

If you have further questions, you can contact WVEMS at www.wvems.org or at (540)562-3482.