Purpose

- To provide guidelines related to the continuation of orders during an interfacility transport, as initiated by the sending facility.
- If an infusion is started during transport – follow appropriate protocol. At times it may not be feasible to have your partner double check vasopressors.

Procedure

Different IV Infusion Pumps

1. Confirm medications infusing currently with nursing staff against what is ordered by physician.
   Request a copy of the written orders from sending facility.
2. Spike medication bag with transport infusion pump set.
3. Expel any air from tubing.
4. Mimic sending facilities settings on transport infusion pumps.
   a. Consider having your partner or sending facility staff confirm settings.
   b. Insulin and vasopressors must be checked by partner.
      i. Follow the bag to the patient, confirming correct pump/tubing
      ii. Correct information on IV pump
5. Disconnect sending facilities infusion.
6. Connect transport infusion tubing.
7. Start infusion.

Same IV Infusion Pumps – from another UnityPoint Des Moines Location

1. Confirm you can take their pumps, exchange with one from ambulance if needed. Request a copy of the written orders from sending facility.
2. Confirm medications infusing currently with nursing staff against what is ordered by physician.
   a. Insulin and vasopressors must be checked by you and your partner.
      i. Follow the bag to the patient, confirming correct pump/tubing
      ii. Correct information on IV pump
3. Assure there is no air in the line.
4. Continue infusion.

Transport

1. Monitor infusion site for infiltration and infusion pump for failure or error.
2. If needed switch infusion pump.
   a. If this is not feasible, stop infusion if able to.
   b. If not feasible – utilize gravity micro drip and set to previous rate.
   c. DO NOT infuse propofol or insulin via gravity.
3. If an infusion is finished and/or stopped disconnect and flush site with normal saline.
**Per C6. Blood Glucose Abnormalities** – It is required to have written/printed patient specific orders for insulin infusions.

**Special Considerations**

- If you are not familiar with a medication and are uncomfortable transporting it speak with the provider and/or nursing staff. Contact Shift Supervisor as needed.
- If you are uncomfortable transporting a specific medication, dosage, volume, or concentration speak with the provider and/or nursing staff. Contact Shift Supervisor as needed.
- In the event of a clinical emergency and a Specialty Transport Team Member (Pediatric, Neonatal or Adult Flight Crew) is present, assist with infusion management as requested.
- In the event of a clinical emergency and a Specialty Transport Team Member (Pediatric, Neonatal or Adult Flight Crew) is not present, adjust rate(s) of infusion as appropriate within either written or standing orders. Contact On-Line Medical Control as needed.