

Jackson County Medical Control Authority
Community Paramedicine Protocols
IV CATHETER CHANGES

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Indications: This protocol provides guidance for the removal and reinsertion of intravenous (IV) catheters under the Community Paramedicine Program. The CPU will respond to a residence for removal and reinsertion of IV catheters on request from the primary care provider, on request by the patient through 911 triage or on referral from ALS 911 response.

Purpose: To remove and reinsert IV catheters for the purpose of continuing IV access and avoidance of possible local and systemic infections and/or patient discomfort.

CPU Directives:

1. Follow **General Protocol for CPU Patient Assessments** as indicated.
2. Obtain and review patient health history and primary care provider's orders prior to evaluation when available.
3. Be aware of complications of long-term catheter use and effects of termination of IV. Educate patient on signs of infection.
4. Take into account certain medications, which could lead to uncontrolled bleeding.
5. Using universal precautions remove and reinsert the IV catheter. Assure patency with flush and blood return.
6. Communicate any unusual findings with PCP or on-line medical direction.