

CONTROLLED MEDICATION PROTOCOL

Jackson Parish Ambulance Service District is committed to abiding by any and all regulations governing the use, waste and storage of controlled medications. Any breach of this policy should immediately be reported to the EMS Director.

Accountability for Controlled Medications Assigned to Trauma Units

Each trauma unit has a special safe for storage of controlled medications. The key for this safe should be carried by the paramedic throughout their entire shift. At shift change the departing and oncoming paramedics should visually inspect the controlled medications and sign the appropriate exchange sheet. Each trauma unit should be issued the following controlled medications:

- Morphine Sulfate – Two (2) 10mg vials
- Midazolam (Versed) – Two (2) 10mg vials
- Fentanyl – Four (4) 100mg vials

Administration of Controlled Medications

The following criteria must be met prior to administration of controlled medications:

- Controlled medications shall be administered per protocol.
- The patient shall be placed on the ECG and SpO2 monitors and the initial and focused assessments shall be completed.
- The paramedic/AEMT shall ensure that the patient is not allergic to the medication to be given or that the patient is not taking other medications that could cause an adverse reaction with medication to be given.
- Verify that the medication to be given is within the dosage guidelines established by protocol and that the route is correct.

Thorough documentation is required after administering controlled medications. This should include:

- Completion of the patient care report with:
 1. Assessment findings indicating the need for controlled medication administration.
 2. The physician's signature if they will sign for the medication given via protocol.
 3. The amount given including time, dose and route.
 4. The patient's response to the medication.
- Completion of the Controlled Medication Usage and Waste form including signatures.

Controlled Medication Waste Procedure

All controlled medications must be wasted in the presence of a Physician, RN, LPN or Paramedic. The witness must sign the Controlled Medication Usage and Waste Form on the EPCR.

Expired controlled medications should be returned to the EMS Director for disposal. The EMS Director will dispose of the medications with a witness and document the disposal.

Storing Controlled Medication

Controlled medications are to be kept secure at all times. Replacement controlled medications are to be kept in the Director's office in a safe. Each ambulance is equipped with a special safe with a key kept by the Paramedic for that unit.

Definitions

Controlled Medication: Any medication regulated under the Controlled Dangerous Substances Act of 1970. Morphine Sulfate, Midazolam (Versed) & Fentanyl are currently the only controlled medications authorized for routine use at Jackson Parish Ambulance Service District. Other controlled medications may be used for special circumstances during inter facility transports.

