

## LEVEL OF CARE: MARYLAND CALL TYPES

### BLS

- Oxygen (any method other than ventilator)
- Medications in the form of patch or paste applied to the skin
- Peripheral lines capped or with IV fluids infusing.
- IV Fluids allowed are: 0.25%-0.09% saline, lactated ringers, 2.5%-10% dextrose in water, or any combination of these.

### ALS

- Cardiac monitoring
- Patients with external jugular (EJ), intraosseus (IO) or central venous lines
- IV fluid running through a central line (including PCA pumps)
- Chest tube ONLY when connected to a one-way or Heimlich valve
- PPN or TPN without insulin, lidocaine drips
- Transcutaneous pacing
- Pressure dressing or “plug” after sheathe removal, including Mynx device

### ALS-P

- Morphine or Dopamine drips
- Heparin Drips 1500 units/hour or less, Integrilin or Abciximab drips (any glycoprotein IIa/IIIb inhibitor)
- Chronic ventilator (trach) patients with no setting change in the last 4 days and problem not respiratory in nature and PEEP 5 or less

### SCT

- Versed (midazolam) or Ativan (Lorazepam)
- Dextran, Hespan or Albumin... TPN with Insulin added, Peritoneal Dialysis
- Tridil (nitroglycerin drip), Dilantin (phenytoin), Fentanyl
- Antibiotics (any type: examples are vancomycin, Zosyn, amoxicillin, etc.)
- Intubated or Chronic ventilator patients not meeting ALS-P criteria
- CVP or venous line/sheathe (can monitor but not perform measurements)
- Greater than 20 milliequivalents of Potassium (in less than a liter bag; otherwise call is BLS)
- Inflatable/Titrated/Adjustable compression dressing used after sheathe had been pulled (i.e.:FEMSTOP)
- Fluid containing electrolytes or nutrients (magnesium, thiamine, “banana bag”)
- LVAD, BiVAD, or RVAD (external cardiac assist devices or “heart pump”)
- Iv Steroids (Mannitol is not a steroid)

### SCT-RN

Anything not listed above. When in doubt or if patient is pregnant, call **Lisa (443)-324-6755**.

Examples: Diprivan (propofol drip), Arterial lines/Sheathe, Blood products (PRBCs, Plasma, Cryoprecipitate, Platelets), Procainamide, Transvenous pacemaker, Esmolo, Nipride/Nitroprusside, Insulin (not TPN, if so then SCT), Labetalol, Balloon Pumps, Protonix, Amiodarone, Sandostatin/Octreotide, Neosynephrine/Phenylephrine, Cardizem (diltiazem), Levophed/Norepinephrine.