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EMS providers and ER staff:

The current 2018-2019 paramedic students have completed their venous access and pharmacology skills administration lab. They are now authorized to begin practicing under direct supervision of the appropriate personnel. For the emergency room, this means a MD, PA, NP or RN must directly observe the paramedic student. In the pre-hospital setting, a paramedic with at least one-year experience must directly observe the paramedic student.

The paramedic students have been tested on the following skills: IV start, IV push medications, subcutaneous and intramuscular injections, IV piggyback medications, intraosseous infusion, eye medications and the MAD device. Although, the students have been signed off on these skills, they still need reinforcement and direction during this education process. Please allow for the time the student may need to look up the drug(s) being administered, as they have a limited knowledge of pharmacology at this time. Please reinforce the 7 rights of drug administration: right drug, route, time, person, documentation, allergy and dose. Please utilize this time with the students to share your knowledge and pearls of wisdom.

Any questions, comments or concerns feel free to contact me. Thank you for facilitating the success of the paramedic students.

Respectfully,

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